

**SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY BOARD  
Indiana Government Center South  
402 West Washington Street, Room W064  
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 31, 2017**

Carol Hession, Ph.D., CCC-A, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-35.6-2(f), pursuant to public notice posted at the principal office of the board at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

Members Present: Carol Hession, Ph.D., CCC-A, Chair  
Andrea Gray, MS, CCC-A  
Patricia Wong, MA, CCC-SLP, Vice Chair  
Ann Bilodeau, MS, CCC-SLP

Staff Present: Darren Covington, J.D., Board Director  
Professional Licensing Agency  
Jody Edens, Assistant Board Director  
Professional Licensing Agency  
Donald 'Ned' Hannah, J.D., Deputy Attorney General  
Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted to adopt the agenda as amended.

Participating Members: Carol Hession, Andrea Gray, Patricia Wong, Ann Bilodeau

Gray/Bilodeau, 4/0/0  
Motion carries

The Board voted to approve the July 26, 2016 minutes.

Gray/Wong, 4/0/0  
Motion carries

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Participating Members: Carol Hession, Andrea Gray, Patricia Wong, Ann Bilodeau

The following were voted into office by consensus for a one year term beginning February 1, 2017:

- Carol Hession, Chair
- Patricia Wong, Vice Chair

## PERSONAL APPEARANCES

### Sally O'Connor, Registration # 29001338A Expired & Assistant Application:

Ms. O'Connor did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding her expired Assistant registration and application for a new Assistant registration.

Participating Members: Carol Hession, Andrea Gray, Patricia Wong, Ann Bilodeau

Kristin Harges, Special Education Supervisor; Nancy Lake, SLP and SLPA supervisor and Tracy Hickey, Speech Therapy Coordinator all appeared on behalf of Ms. O'Connor.

Ms. O'Connor mailed in a renewal application for her registration number 29001338A but a new supervisor has signed the renewal. The renewal was sent back to her letting her know she needed to apply for a new registration with her new supervisor. She submitted the application on January 22, 2016 but never completed the process.

Ms. O'Connor practiced for a year on an expired registration as she never completed the application process to add her new supervisor.

Ms. Lake is Ms. O'Connor's new supervisor and she described for the Board how she supervises Sally and what Sally's duties were. They have daily communications with each other.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Ms. O'Connor's assistant application.

Bilodeau/Gray, 4/0/0  
Motion carries

### Michelle Leist, Assistant Application:

Ms. Leist did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding her assistant application.

Participating Members: Carol Hession, Andrea Gray, Patricia Wong, Ann Bilodeau

Ann Gase, Dr. Nicki Sprunger and Sarah Blevins appeared on behalf of Ms. Leist. Ms. Leist submitted an assistant application on April 20, 2016 with the supervisor Tracy Ray. The application was never completed and therefore Ms. Leist has been practicing without a registration.

Ms. Leist informed the Board that she worked under Tracy Ray from August 24, 2015 to June 2016 and Ms. Ray never provided any information about licensure to her.

She obtained her 100 hours under Ms. Ray without a license. The Board informed her she should have obtained an Aide registration to obtain the hours.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Ms. Leist's assistant application.

Bilodeau/Wong, 4/0/0  
Motion carries

**Alice Delaney, 29001633A, Renewal Positive Response:**

Ms. Delaney did appear in person and was represented by counsel, Anthony Kraus, J.D. regarding a positive response on her renewal application.

Participating Members: Carol Hession, Andrea Gray, Patricia Wong, Ann Bilodeau

Ms. Delaney received a DUI recently. Her BAC was .15.

She is on criminal probation until January 22, 2018. The probation requires her to do random drug screens, community service, and an alcohol evaluation and class.

She has been with the same employer since 2010.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Ms. Delaney's renewal application.

Gray/Bilodeau, 3/1/0 with Ms. Wong opposed  
Motion carries

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

**Tracy Looper, S.L.P., License No. 22003184A, Cause No 2006 SLPA 001:**

Respondent did appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition to Withdraw Probation scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Claire Dyer, Deputy Attorney General, and this matter was recorded by IPLA for the record.

Participating Members: Carol Hession, Andrea Gray, Patricia Wong, Ann Bilodeau

Anthony Pinner, Fiancé was sworn in as a witness for the Respondent.

Ms. Looper was placed on probation for billing fraud by the Board in October 2006. Her criminal probation was discharged April 29, 2010. She has paid \$11,000 back at this time but still owes about \$18,000.

She has been employed with Select Rehabilitation since November 15, 2005.

Mr. Pinner testified that Ms. Looper is a very humble person and that this has been a very trying time for her but she persevered through it.

She has been compliant with the Board's probation order.

Respondent's Exhibits:

A – Letter from Meg Morguson, Probation Officer

B – Email from her Supervisor

C – Letter from Amy Wittlieb, Human Resources at Select Rehabilitation and a Letter from Diane Healy, M.D., thanking her for being a presenter at St. Vincent Center for Healthy Aging

After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness and taking its file into consideration the Board moved to WITHDRAW the Order of Probation.

Gray/Hession, 3/0/1, with Ms. Wong opposed  
Motion carries

### **DISCUSSION**

Participating Members: Carol Hession, Andrea Gray, Patricia Wong, Ann Bilodeau,

Telepractice:

The Board expressed interest in doing Telepractice rules. Mr. Covington informed them that the Medical Board is currently in the process of adopting telemedicine rules, but theirs would be different.

Darren requested the members to send to him by email other State's rules on telepractice so they can use those to draft rules.

First Steps/Developmental Therapist:

The Board indicated that this is an on-going topic of discussion.

This is an extremely isolated job and the Board has concerns regarding the practice.

They feel it is a public welfare problem as the Developmental Communication Therapist are not supervised; and therefore a risk to children.

The Board members feel that they are using the title Developmental Therapist to get around our licensing process.

Possible rule modification on how speech aides are supervised:

Ms. Wong stated that our rules are very difficult to follow and we need to look at doing a complete revision.

Some items to consider are

- Define how the 100 hours are obtained
- Case load cap – the State of Illinois has one

Mr. Covington informed them to get him information and he will look at putting it into rule form for them to review.

Continuing Education Audit:

Ms. Edens informed the Board that in the random CE audit, there were four (4) audiologists and thirty-one (31) speech language pathologists audited. Of those, a total of fourteen (14) had not responded and three (3) indicated they were not compliant.

Ms. Edens requested the Board to set the civil penalty amount since they didn't meet again until July 2017.

After discussion the Board moved to set the civil penalty amount at \$500.00 and issue Notices of Non-Compliance.

Wong/Bilodeau, 4/0/0  
Motion carries

The Board further moved to issue a Notice of Immediate Suspension for those non-compliant with the civil penalty and make-up CE's.

Gray/Hession, 4/0/0  
Motion carries

Tinnitus evaluation and Hearing Aid Dealers:

FYI – from Andrea Gray – be aware that some states are saying that hearing aid dealers can do tinnitus therapy.

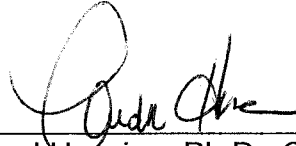
Graduation to clinical fellow time frame – Ann:

Ann read a letter regarding graduation and wanted to know if it would suffice for issuance. Staff informed her that as long as it says will graduate on (list date) if would work.

CE Rules to add "recorded" telecast:

Mr. Covington indicated they need to add a statement to their CE rules that add recorded telecast as acceptable CE.

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 2:10 p.m.



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Carol Hession, Ph.D., CCC-A, Chair