

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

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2023

Carol Hession, Ph.D., CCC-A, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m. and declare 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
Ann Bilodeau, MS, CCC-SLP
Katherine Haded, MS, CCC-SLP

Staff Present: Jody Edens, Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Erin Sutton, Assistant Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Heidi Adair, J.D., Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted to adopt the agenda.

Bilodeau/Haded, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Carol Hession, Ann Bilodeau, Katherine Haded
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

The Board moved to approve the August 29, 2022, minutes as corrected.

Bilodeau/Hession, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Carol Hession, Ann Bilodeau, Katherine Haded

The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were voted into office for a one (1) year term beginning February 2023.

- Carol Hession, Ph.D., CCC-A, Chair
- Ann Bilodeau, MS, CCC-SLP, Vice Chair

Bilodeau/Hession, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Carol Hession, Ann Bilodeau, Katherine Haded
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Shelby Doty, CFY Application:

Ms. Doty appeared for her scheduled personal appearance regarding working as a CFY without a license. Molly Greco, Supervisor also appeared.

Ms. Greco explained to the Board that this is the first time she has ever supervised a CFY, so she was unaware of what needed to be done. She expressed that now she knows it's her and the CFY's responsibility she will make sure in the future that anyone she supervises is properly licensed before beginning work.

Ms. Doty explained she wasn't aware of a CFY license and when she found out she immediately contacted the Board regarding what she needed to do.

After discussion, the Board APPROVED Ms. Doty's CFY application and stated the hours from October 17, 2022, to current would count toward her total CFY hours.

Bilodeau/Haded, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Carol Hession, Katherine Haded, Ann Bilodeau
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

Rhonda Eskridge, S.L.P., License No. 22004485A, Cause No. 2018 SLPA 0011

Respondent appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Petition to Withdraw the Order of Probation scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Ian Matthew, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Margie Addington with Accurate Reporting Services.

Jody Edens, Board Director was sworn in as a witness.

Ms. Edens testified that the Respondent has been compliant with all the terms of her probation order. She completed more continuing education than was required.

Ms. Eskridge explained to the Board that she has completed all the requirements set forth in her order and wishes to have the probation lifted.

She currently works for a long-term care facility.

After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Board moved to WITHDRAW the Order of Probation on the Respondent's license.

Bilodeau/Haded, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Carol Hession, Katherine Haded, Ann Bilodeau
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

Alison Therber, S.L.P., License No. 22003373A, Cause No. 2021 SLPA 0001

Respondent did not appear and was not represented by counsel regarding a Motion to Dismiss without Prejudice scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Carah Rochester, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter was Margie Addington.

After a short discussion, Ms. Addington was released as this matter did not need to be on record.

Ms. Rochester informed the Board that Ms. Therber has been sober for four (4) years at this time. She has completed her rehabilitation programs and court probation successfully; therefore, the charges have been resolved.

Ms. Rochester requested the Board to dismiss this matter without prejudice.

After having considered the evidence presented, testimony of the witness and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence, and orders in this matter the Board moved to DISMISS this matter without prejudice.

Bilodeau/Haded, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Carol Hession, Katherine Haded, Ann Bilodeau
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

DISCUSSION

The following members participated: Carol Hession, Katherine Haded, Ann Bilodeau

Joanne Williams, S.L.P. Request to issue an Order to Show Cause:

Ms. Edens informed the Board that she has reached out to Joanne Williams regarding her order of probation and has not received any response back. Ms. Williams is not in compliance with the terms of her probation order currently.

Following discussion, the Board APPROVED an Order to Show Cause to be issued to Ms. Williams.

Haded/Bilodeau, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Carol Hession, Katherine Haded, Ann Bilodeau
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

The Board discussed their next two (2) meeting dates and agreed on July 6, 2023, and January 11, 2024.

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 4:12 p.m.

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