

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY BOARD

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MINUTES OF JUNE 3, 2020

Carol Hession, Ph.D., CCC-A, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:42 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-35.6-2(f), pursuant to public notice posted on line at the board's website and on the state calendar at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

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

Staff Present: Laura Turner, J.D., Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Jody Edens, Assistant Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Claire Dyer, J.D., Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted by roll call to adopt the agenda as amended:

Bilodeau/Wong, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:

Carol Hession, Ann Bilodeau, Patricia Wong

The following board members voted nay: none

The following board members abstained: none

The Board voted by roll call to approve the January 6, 2020 minutes as written

Bilodeau/Wong, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
Carol Hession, Ann Bilodeau, Patricia Wong
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 did not appear telephonically or in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Proposed Settlement Agreement scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Abigail Smith, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Lindy Meyer with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

A proposed settlement agreement between the Respondent and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board for review. The proposed settlement agreement included INDEFINITE PROBATION for twelve (12) months with terms and conditions.

After reviewing the proposed settlement agreement, having considered the evidence presented and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence and orders in this matter the Board voted by roll call to APPROVE the Settlement Agreement.

Wong/Hession, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
Carol Hession, Ann Bilodeau, Patricia Wong
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

Joanne Williams, S.L.P., License No. 22003267A, Cause No. 2020 SLPA 0002

Respondent did not appear telephonically or in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a Proposed Settlement Agreement scheduled before the Board. The State of Indiana was represented by Natalie Stidd, Deputy Attorney General and the court reporter sworn in for this matter, Lindy Meyer with Accurate Reporting Services also appeared telephonically.

A proposed settlement agreement between the Respondent, her counsel and the Attorney General's Office was presented to the Board for review. The proposed settlement agreement included INDEFINITE PROBATION for twelve (12) months and a \$500 FINE with terms and conditions.

After reviewing the proposed settlement agreement, having considered the evidence presented and taking official, judicial notice of the pleadings, evidence and orders in this

matter the Board voted by roll call to APPROVE the Settlement Agreement.

Bilodeau/Wong, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
Carol Hession, Ann Bilodeau, Patricia Wong
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

DISCUSSION

The following members participated: Carol Hession, Patricia Wong, Ann Bilodeau

Draft report to General Assembly – SEA 189 (2019)

Pursuant to SEA 189 (2019), the Board took comments received regarding application process and requirements under advisement.

Tammy Hurm, ICASE requested to be allowed to make comments regarding SEA 189.

Ms. Hurm stated that she feels the Emergency Permits are the best solution. They should look at the requirements in schools. They need to have IEP (individualized educational plans).

The Board reviewed the draft report for submission to the General Assembly pursuant to SEA 189 (2019) and made the following suggestions to be added to the report:

- Interstate compact for Speech Pathologists – Utah, Montana and Wyoming are all currently interested in joining a compact – before the compact can be realized there must be at least ten (10) states prepared to join.
- Telehealth and telesupervision
- Caseload limits
- Support Personnel should be changed from having three (3) tiers down to just Assistants. They would need to redefine education and supervision. ASHA is moving toward certifying Assistants. Audiologists also have Assistants so each would need to be specific to the profession.
- Use of alternative case load model – Ohio has a good one.

Ms. Turner thanked all involved with this discussion and made it clear that the report is from the Professional Licensing Agency.

After discussion, the Board voted by roll call to request Ms. Turner to move forward completing a new draft incorporating their suggestions.

Bilodeau/Wong, 3/0/0

Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:

Carol Hession, Ann Bilodeau, Patricia Wong

The following board members voted nay: none

The following board members abstained: none

Overall rule revision

Ms. Turner informed the Board that the rules currently stand where they were before covid-19.

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

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