

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

MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2024

Carol Hession, CCC-A, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:31 a.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, Vice Chair
Katherine Haded, MS, CCC-SLP
Blair Mattern, Au.D., CCC-A

Member Absent: Taylor Shockey, Consumer Member

Staff Present: Jody Edens, Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Christopher Anderson, J.D., Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted to adopt the agenda.

Haded/Bilodeau, 40/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
Carol Hession, Ann Bilodeau, Katherine Haded, Blair Mattern,
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

The Board moved to approve January 11, 2024 minutes as written

Bilodeau/Mattern, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
Carol Hession, Ann Bilodeau, Katherine Haded, Blair Mattern,
The following board members voted nay: none

The following board members abstained: none

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Anne Burke, Initial Application – Positive Response:

Ms. Buker appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding information received by the Board.

Ms. Burk has been sent several requests by email requesting that she submit documentation to explain the information received by the Board.

She did not submit the documentation requested, which was a written response regarding the information received explaining what happened, when it happened and the outcome of the incident. Also requested were all court documents.

In her personal appearance, she indicated that she is licensed in Illinois and is a member of ASHA.

She stated charges were filed against her in Illinois but would not or could not explain what the charges were.

The Board asked how she answered her recently renewed Illinois license renewal questions. She stated that she did not do her own renewal, that her husband completed and submitted it. She was asked if he discussed the questions with her, her response was “My Husband and I do not speak”

Ms. Edens asked specifically about an arrest of Disorderly Conduct, a Class C Misdemeanor on February 8, 2023, in which she pleaded guilty to. She received twenty-four (24) months of court supervision and was issued a Fine.

She drove onto a school ground and pointed her car toward the flag.

Most of her answers include something to the effect that she worked with the FBI and that the FBI trumps the state on anything. She wouldn’t or couldn’t give a direct answer.

After discussion, the Board moved to DENY Ms. Burke’s initial application as she had falsified the application by answering ‘No’ to all questions, when she should have answered ‘yes’.

The Board further indicated to her that should she apply again, she would need to submit at least five (5) letters of support, one should be from her current employer and a couple should be from patients. She also needs to submit all court documents.

Bilodeau/Haded, 4/0/0

Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
Carol Hession, Ann Bilodeau, Katherine Haded, Blair Mattern,
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

DISCUSSION

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

Update on Interstate

Ann Bilodeau gave an update on the Interstate Compact from the July 1, 2024 meeting. More states are now involved in the compact. There are a total of thirty-one (31) including both Kentucky and Ohio.

They will join in partnership with the Occupational Therapists and Counselors due to the cost of developing the compact.

They are hoping for implementation in 2025 and will be discussing on what the fees will be.

Jennifer Schultz – Education Review

Ms. Schultz appeared virtually to discuss Mitchell Technical College, associate degree.

The law indicates for an associate degree, it is required to have twenty-four (24) general education credits. Jennifer explained that Mitchell students only do sixteen (16) hours of general education, with sixty-five (65) total credit hours.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Mitchell Technical College, associate degree as acceptable.

Bilodeau/Haded, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
Carol Hession, Ann Bilodeau, Katherine Haded, Blair Mattern,
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

General Supervision Definition – Meredith Grant Kinne

Ms. Grant Kinne submitted an email asking if Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Board defines “General Supervision”

The Board indicated that general supervision is referenced in their law but not defined. At this time, they are not going to try to define it as they will defer to the Medical Board. They also state that the Physical Therapy Board has it defined in their law.

Virtual Supervision – Akilia McCain

Ms. McCain appeared virtually to discuss virtual supervision with the Board.

Ms. McCain informed the Board that both Texas and Florida allow for virtual supervision for assistants.

The Board feels that this is a good request, and they should look at moving this way when they review their rules.

Carrie Wade indicated that they will be lobbying in 2025 for SLPA's to have telepractice. She indicated that in 2023 Clinical Fellows were approved to do telepractice.

Clinical Fellowship Year Discussion:

Ann Bilodeau brought up an issue where a CF just obtained her fifth new license for a CFY because she hasn't completed Biology. The CFY license is not to be used to continuing working, but to get their hours in for licensure.

They decided that no one should obtain more than two (2) CFY licenses unless they appear before the Board for approval.

The Board also requested that a complaint be filed on Megan Baumet as she is not qualified to continue to get CFY licenses.

Bilodeau/Haded, 4/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye by roll call:
Carol Hession, Ann Bilodeau, Katherine Haded, Blair Mattern,
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

The Board set their next meeting on January 24, 2025, at 10:30a.m. and rules meeting on August 2, 2024 at 9:00a.m. EST.

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Ann Bilodeau, CCC-SLP, Vice Chair