

Board of Registration in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology  
1000 Washington Street 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Room 1C, Boston, MA 02118  
Date: April 24, 2015 Time: 10:35 A.M.

Public Session Meeting Minutes

**Board Members Present:**

Suzanne M. Ducharme (SD), Board Chair  
Nicole Laffan Stewart (NLS), Board  
Secretary  
Lauren Woller Mummolo, (LWM)

**Staff Present:**

Colleen Cavanaugh, Assoc. Exec. Dir.  
Michael Hawley, Executive Director  
Lynn Read, Agency Counsel  
Yadianette Rivera, Administrator

**Board Members Absent:**

Mark Campbell-Foster, (MCF)  
Kathryn Manfield, (KM)

**Member of the Public Present:**

Cynthia Wagner

**10:35 A.M.: Board Business:**

- SD called the meeting to order
- Executive Director reviewed exit procedures in the case of a fire and new location to meet outside
- Executive Director Report – Mr. Hawley reported that any applications for appointment or reappointment to the board that were submitted before the change in administration should be re-submitted. Any applications that were submitted to the previous administration are no longer available.
- Board Counsel Report – discussed three issues:
  - Ms. Read informed board of Executive Order 562. That order requires all state agencies to evaluate and justify the existence all regulations. The governor set a deadline of March 31, 2016 to accomplish this order.
  - Ms. Read also discussed North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners vs. Federal Trade Commission Supreme Court Decision. She reviewed the decision and discussed ways in which it may affect licensing Boards in Massachusetts. There is concern that boards whose members consist primarily of practitioners of the regulated profession may be subject to personal liability for board decisions if there is not sufficient government supervision. Ms. Read will monitor the legal implications from the case as they develop and keep the board informed.
  - Ms. Read presented a draft of a policy for the administration of barium during radiographic procedures. She reviewed the draft with the Board. SD invited Cynthia Wagner to share her remarks on the draft of the policy. Ms. Wagner highlighted several issues and concerns with the policy. Board Counsel will revise the policy in consultation with the Board Chair and then review with Ms. Wagner. The revised policy will be presented for review at the next Board meeting.

**11:25 A.M.: Cases [Closed Session pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §65C]:**

**SD moved to go into Investigative Session [Closed Session pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §65C] for the purpose of reviewing disciplinary cases and considering settlement offers. LWM seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

After the Investigative Session, the open meeting resumed.

During the investigative session, the Board voted to take the following actions:

- SP-15-001 – Provide guidance to prosecutor
- SP-15-017 – Table

**11:50 A.M. Board Business (Continued)**

- **SD moved to approve Education Policy – “Policy on Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist Licensure Requirements” (SP- Policy NO 15-001) and have board staff post in on the Board’s web site. LWM seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **SD moved to approve minutes from February 6, 2015 meeting. LWM seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

**12:00 P.M. Adjournment**

**SD moved to adjourn the meeting. LWM seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Nicole Laffan Stewart, M.S., CCC-A/SLP  
Board Member

Documents used in the open session:

- Agenda for 4/24/2015 Board Meeting
- Draft of proposed Policy for Administration of Barium
- “Policy on Speech-Language Pathologist and Audiologist Licensure Requirements” (SP- Policy NO 15-001)
- Draft of Minutes from Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology 2/6/14 Board meeting
- U.S. Supreme Court Decision in North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners v. Federal Trade Commission