

Board of Registration in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
1000 Washington Street 1st Floor Room 1C, Boston, MA 02118
Date: June 5, 2015 Time: 9:30 A.M.

Public Session Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

Suzanne M. Ducharme (SD)
Kathryn Manfield (KM)
Nicole Laffan Stewart (NLS)

Board Members Absent:

Mark Campbell-Foster, (MCF)
Lauren Woller-Mummolo, (LWM)

Staff Present:

Colleen Cavanaugh, Associate Executive Director
Anne Driscoll, Investigator Supervisor
Michael Hawley, Executive Director
Lynn Read, Board Counsel
Debra Tata, Investigator
Yadianette Rivera, Administrator Assistant
Mary Pixley, Prosecutor
Gerard Dolan, Prosecutor

Member of the Public Present:

Jenna Castro Casben
Robyn Earley
Kelly Farquharson
Sheewayne Sandoval
Cynthia Wagner

House Keeping:

- 9:30 a.m. SD called the meeting to order
- Executive Director reviewed exit procedures in the case of a fire and new location to meet outside
- **SD moved to approve minutes from April 24, 2015 meeting, KM seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Executive Director Report – discussed that he will continue to work on audiology certification application

Quasi Judicial Session [Closed session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A 18]:

At 9:40 am SD moved to go into closed session for the purpose of issuing Final Decisions. NLS seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

At the end of the Quasi Judicial session, the open meeting resumed.

Board Business:

- Introduction of Robert Fortes – tabled until next meeting
- Board Counsel Report – Lynn Read has nothing to report at this time.
- Barium Policy – SD made a motion to approve the draft Barium Policy as written. KM seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Stakeholder Outreach to Accept Public Comment on Regulations Pursuant to Executive Order 562:

- Cynthia Wagner spoke to share her opinion about modifying the licensing bill. She stated that a provisional licensure should be offered to retain trained speech-language pathology fellows in MA.
- Cynthia Wagner referred to an email sent by Barbara Wilson to the licensing board supporting a provisional licensure.
- Robyn Earley said she agreed with everything the other speakers were saying.
- Jenna Castro Casben and Kelly Farquharson, representatives from Emerson College and MASHA, stated that they supported a provisional licensure.
- Sheewayne Sandoval, a speech-language pathologist in private practice, supported a provisional licensure.

Investigative Conference [Closed session pursuant to G.L. c. 112, 65C]:

At 11:00 am SD moved to go into closed session for the purpose of reviewing disciplinary cases in investigative conference and considering settlement offers. KM seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

At the end of the closed session the open meeting resumed.

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

- SP-15-017 - refer to prosecutions
- SP-14-018 – Provide guidance to prosecutor
- SP-14-011 – Provide guidance to prosecutor

Adjournment:

At 11:47 am SD motioned to adjourn. KM seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nicole Laffan Stewart".

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

Documents Used in Open Meeting:

Agenda

Draft Minutes of April 24, 2015 Meeting

Draft Policy for the Administration of Barium During Radiographic Procedures