

FLORIDA | Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Teleconference Minutes

**October 22, 2021
9:00 a.m.**

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**Frederick Rahe, Au.D
Chair**

**Sergio Guerreiro, Au.D
Vice-Chair**

**Kama Monroe
Executive Director**

The Meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Frederick Rahe at 9:01 a.m.

Present for all or part of the meeting, include:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frederick Rahe, Au.D., Chair
Sergio Guerreiro, Au.D
Kristen Rutland, SLP
Sherry Jordan, Ed.S.
Dania Lopez-Ramirez, SLP

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

Kama Monroe, Executive Director
Carol Taylor, Program Administrator
Christa Peace, RSIII

MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE

BOARD COUNSEL:

Tom Jones, Board counsel

COURT REPORTER:

For the Record Reporting
(850) 222-5491
Ray Convery

PROSECUTION SERVICES UNIT

Translator:

Please note that the meeting minutes reflect the actual order that agenda items were discussed during the meeting and may differ from the agenda outline.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

TAB 1: July 23, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion: by Dr. Guerreiro, seconded by Ms. Lopez-Ramirez, to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

TAB 2: PROSECUTION SERVICES REPORT, Christina A. Shideler, Esq.

Prosecuting Services attorney Christina Shideler submitted a Motion to Continue prosecution on all year or older cases. The motion was included in the board materials for review.

Motion: by Ms. Rutland, seconded by Dr. Jordan, to allow PSU to continue prosecuting cases a year and older. Motion carried.

APPLICANTS

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST APPLICATION REVIEW

TAB 3: Rachel Cameron Balfour, File #20960

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

Action Taken: After discussion,

Motion: by Dr. Guerreiro, seconded by Ms. Rutland, to approve the application. Motion carried.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT APPLICATION REVIEW

TAB 4: Karina Diaz Chacon, File #6383

Applicant was initially not present but appeared later in the meeting.

Applicant was not represented by counsel. Applicant used the services of the board provided translator.

This matter was initially tabled within the meeting in the event the applicant subsequently appeared. Applicant appeared later and this matter was heard at 12:17 pm.

Action Taken: After discussion.

Motion: by Dr. Guerreiro, seconded by Ms. Rutland, to approve the application. Motion was amended by Dr. Guerreiro, the second was amended and seconded by Ms. Rutland, to approve the application with the condition that the applicant provide official transcripts by January 21, 2022, board meeting. Motion carried.

TAB 5: Leonor Trespalacios Palomino, File #6448

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

Applicant used the services of the board provided translator.

Applicant waived the 90 days on the record.

Action Taken: After discussion.

Motion: by Dr. Guerreiro, seconded by Ms. Rutland, to allow the applicant until the January 21, 2022, meeting to provide the information (credit hours). Motion carried.

TAB 6: Yaima C. Gonzalez Diaz, File #6478

Applicant was initially not present but appeared later in the meeting.

Applicant was not represented by counsel. Applicant used the services of the board provided translator.

This matter was initially tabled within the meeting in the event the applicant subsequently appeared. Applicant appeared later and this matter was heard at 12:04 pm.

Action Taken: After discussion.

Applicant withdrew application.

Board staff were directed to reach out to applicant regarding partial refund.

TAB 7: Odalis Miriam Rodriguez Castaneda, File #6179

Applicant was not present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

Action Taken: After discussion.

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Ms. Lopez-Ramirez, to deny the application based on lack of information and incomplete application, but to allow fourteen days for the applicant to withdraw the application so that it is not recorded as a disciplinary action. Motion carried.

TAB 8: Aymara Alas Alvarez, File #5928

Applicant was not present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

This matter was initially tabled within the meeting in the event the applicant subsequently appeared. Applicant did not appear.

Action Taken: After discussion.

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Ms. Rutland, to deny the application. Motion carried.

TAB 9: Yadira Perez Silva, File #6208

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

Applicant used the services of the board provided translator.

Applicant waived the 90 days on the record.

Action Taken: After discussion.

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Ms. Lopez-Ramirez, to allow the applicant until the January 21, 2022, meeting to provide the information (original documents). Motion carried.

TAB 10: Maidelis Martinez Gutierrez, File #6414

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

Applicant used the services of the board provided translator.

Action Taken: After discussion,

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Ms. Rutland, to approve the application.

Motion carried.

TAB 11: Yadira De La Caridad Luzardo Garcia, File #6120

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

Applicant used the services of the board provided translator.

Action Taken: After discussion.

Applicant withdrew application.

Board staff were directed to reach out to applicant regarding partial refund.

TAB 12: Kenia Milagros Sosa, File #6473

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

Applicant used the services of the board provided translator.

Action Taken: After discussion.

Applicant withdrew application.

Board staff were directed to reach out to applicant regarding partial refund.

PROVISIONAL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY APPLICATION REVIEW

TAB 13: Casandra Jean Swindler, File #10913

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.
Applicant used the services of the board provided translator.

Action Taken: After discussion.

Motion: by Ms. Rutland, seconded by Dr. Guerriero, to approve the application for good cause; the first provisional license expired because she was not a licensing clinician at the time and was moving across the state. Motion carried.

TAB 14: Pauline Andrea Dawson, File #10577

Application was approved prior to meeting; no action needed.

TAB 15: Caridad Martha Lopez Sanchez, File #10419

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.
Applicant used the services of the board provided translator.

Action Taken: After discussion,

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Ms. Rutland, to approve the application.
Motion carried.

TAB 16: Dayana Daniel, File #10885

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

Action Taken: After discussion,

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Ms. Rutland, to approve the application.
Motion carried.

TAB 17: Geiny Yoel Gardona Moran, File #10760

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.
Applicant used the services of the board provided translator.

Action Taken: After discussion,

Motion: by Ms. Rutland, seconded by Ms. Lopez-Ramirez, to approve the application.
Dr. Rahe and Dr. Guerriero voted no. Motion carried.

TAB 18: Yuleidys Chico, File #10447

Applicant was not present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

Action Taken: After discussion, wherein it was noted the file was initially reviewed by a former board member and that the applicant appeared at the April 2021 board meeting where she was allowed six months to provide additional information and failed to do so;

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Ms. Rutland, to deny the application. Motion carried.

TAB 29: Katherine Paredes, File #10898

Applicant was not present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

Action Taken: After discussion, wherein it was noted that the applicant has not been able to pass PRAXIS and requests a second chance to complete her provisional.

Motion: by Ms. Rutland, seconded by Dr. Guerriero, to approve the application. Motion carried.

TAB 19: RATIFICATION OF LICENSURE

- (a) 3001 - Speech-Language Pathologist 7.2.2021 through 9.30.2021
License numbers 19269-19633 issued between 7.2.2021 through 9.30.2021 totaling 364 licenses
- (b) 3002 - Audiologist 7.2.2021 through 9.30.2021
License numbers 2498-2524 issued between 7.2.2021 through 9.30.2021 totaling 27 licenses.

- (c) 3003 - Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 7.2.2021 through 9.30.2021
License numbers 4963-5198 issued between 7.2.2021 through 9.30.2021 totaling 236 licenses.
- (d) 3004 - Audiology Assistant 7.2.2021 through 9.30.2021
License numbers 418-437 issued between 7.2.2021 through 9.30.2021 totaling 20 licenses.
- (e) 3005 - Provisional Speech-Language Pathologist 7.2.2021 through 9.30.2021
License numbers 10162-10446 issued between 7.2.2021 through 9.30.2021 totaling 285 licenses.
- (f) 3006- Provisional Audiologist 7.2.2021 through 9.30.2021
License numbers 821-824 issued between 7.2.2021 through 9.30.2021 totaling 4 licenses. Motion carried.

Tab 7(a-f) were reviewed individually and voted on in a block.

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Ms. Rutland, to ratify the license numbers included in Tab 7(a-f) issued between 7.2.2021 through 9.30.2021. Motion carried.

TAB 20: BOARD CHAIR REPORT-Dr. Frederick Rahe

Board chair, Dr. Rahe, provided an update regarding the cancellation of the chair/vice-chair, noting it will be rescheduled and he will update the board members upon that occurrence.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT, Ronald Jones, Esq.

TAB 21: RULES REPORT

The rules reports were included in the agenda materials for informational purposes. Board counsel Tom Jones informed the board that the latest rules report was from October. He further summarized that a couple of rules became effective recently, as well as the rule mentioned earlier.

RULE DISCUSSION

TAB 22: Discussion s.1014.06, Florida Statutes, Parental Consent for Health Care Services

This agenda item was presented at the last board meeting. The board requested it be placed on today's agenda for further discussion to allow the board an opportunity to obtain a clear understanding of the requirements and what a violation would entail should this come to the board, at a later date.

Discussion ensued which included the fact this does not apply to abortions or clinical lab type services. Board counsel, Tom Jones directed the board's attention to a thirty-three-page analysis which was included in the meeting materials. There was further inquiry regarding how this would affect Speech Language Pathology and Audiology as it relates to reporting. The board was informed that they must obtain written consent. The discussion continued wherein it was determined that there are a lot of questions that have not yet been clarified and may not be until the board receives cases. The board expressed their frustration with the expectation that they make a disciplinary decision when they are hearing there is no definition.

The board noted the materials included some good research and the discussion ended.

TAB 23: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT-Kama Monroe, J.D., Executive Director

Board Executive Director, Kama Monroe noted in lieu of an executive director report she would allow Unlicensed Activity (ULA) to provide a brief presentation.

Chilo with ULA provided the board with background information. He then explained the current outreach programs. Additionally, he brought the board’s attention to the “Spotlight on ULA” that all board members should be receiving. Also provided for the board’s information was the dedicated hotline information, as well as the dedicated email. Additionally, there is a ULA website. Ms. Rutland requested ULA contact information be provided to all board members.

TAB 24: BOARD LIAISON REPORTS

A: Budget Liaison Report- Dr. Guerreiro (Au.D)

- a. Revenue Report
- b. Expenditures

Dr. Guerreiro indicated that most meetings have been virtual for over a year, therefore, the board would have spent less money and expenditures should have been reduced.

B: Application - Dr. Rahe (Au.D) & Dr. Guerreiro (Au.D)

No report at this time.

C: Continuing Education – Kristen Rutland (SLP)

No report at this time.

D: Laws and Rules - Dr. Rahe (Au.D) & Dr. Guerreiro (Au.D)

No report at this time.

E: Unlicensed Activity - Ms. Lopez-Ramirez & Dr. Guerreiro (Au.D)

No report at this time.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

TAB 25: FL PDMP Monthly Report July 2021.

For informational purposes only. No action required.

TAB 26: OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

TAB 27: NEW BUSINESS

There was no old business.

TAB 28: PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

Prior to adjournment, Dr. Guerreiro congratulated the board and staff for completing the agenda before four.

ADJOURN Motion by Ms. Rutland, seconded by Dr. Guerreiro to adjourn.
Motion carried.
Next meeting January 21, 2022 TBA
Meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.