

**ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY**

MINUTES

January 11, 2008

The December meeting of the Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech Language Pathology and Audiology (ABESPA) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Margaret Hemm, Chair, at the Board office in Montgomery. Board members present were, Larry Molt, Richard Gresham, Dot Moore, Thomasyne Smith, and Elisabeth Via. Also present were Assistant Attorney General Yvonne Saxon, Executive Secretary Wanda Rawlinson. Absent: Amanda Blaszczyński.

Dr. Hemm presented the agenda for the meeting and asked for corrections or additions. Dr. Molt recommended the agenda be approved as amended. Dr. Blaszczyński seconded the motion. The agenda was accepted as amended.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Statements of Economic Interest Forms were distributed to Board members with a reminder that form must returned no later that February 29, 2008.
- A letter was received from Samantha Shaw, State Auditor, commending the board for achieving a perfect Property Inventory Audit.
- Jennifer Vinson, SHAA President, has reserved a meeting room for the Strategic Planning Committee for Wednesday night, February 27th from 6:00 – 9:00 pm.
- As of January 10th 745 licensees had renewed online and 465 licensees had mailed the renewal form.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

The auditors from the Examiners of Public Accounts found in the February 10, 2006 and the September 7, 2007 that the board did not have a quorum and motions were emailed to absent members to vote. Ms. Saxon told the board that after speaking to others in her office the information given to the board on these occasions were erroneous and the board can not meet if they do not have the four members needed to make a quorum. All licenses approved at these meetings will now have to be approved retroactively at today's meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES AND REGULATIONS: GRESHAM

Dr. Gresham presented a list of topics from previous meeting regarding possible changes to the rules and regulations.

Dr. Gresham also requested that each committee chair review the section of the rules and regulations that concerns their committee.

Dr. Gresham moved that this report be accepted. Dr. Blaszczynski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATIONS REVIEW: MOLT

LICENSE:

Michael Crouse	AUD
Kelly S. Clay	AUD
Ginger Key	SLP
Laura Greenhaw	SLP
Gina Martin	

REGISTRATION AS CFY:

Beverly Marshall	SLP/CFY
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REGISTRATION AS ASSISTANT:

Molly Haskin	SLP/Assistant
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TO BE REVIEWED:

Amy Russell	SLP/CFY
Sarah Kimbrell	SLP/CFY
Stephanie Covert	SLP/CFY
Johnta Williams	SLP
Polly Amaral	AUD

FILES CLOSED:

Lynn Lott	AUD
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Dr. Molt moved that this report be accepted. Dr. Gresham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

From the February 10, 2006 the following report was given (list of names are attached):

Approved for licensure:	1
Registration as CFY	6
Registration as Assistant	1
To Be Reviewed	3

Dr. Molt moved that this report be accepted retroactively. Dr. Blaszczyński seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

From the September 7, 2007 the following report was given (list of names are attached):

Approved for licensure:	14
Registration as CFY	13
Registration as Assistant	0
To Be Reviewed	4
Change in CFY Supervision	1

Dr. Molt moved that this report be accepted retroactively. Dr. Blaszczyński seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET:BLASZCZYNSKI

Dr. Blaszczyński stated the budget was correct as reported.

Dr. Blaszczyński moved that this report be accepted. Dr. Gresham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES: MOORE

No report.

MINUTES AND WEBSITE: VIA

The minutes from the December 14, 2007, board meeting were emailed to each Board member prior to the January meeting. Dr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Gresham seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mrs. Via will email her bio and Dr. Smith's bio to Gary Copeland.

Mrs. Via moved that this report be accepted. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: SMITH

- ❖ 59 continuing education audits were approved
- ❖ There are still 23 outstanding continuing education audits
- ❖ 1 SLP/Assistant application for renewal was approved
- ❖ 2 licensees requested inactive status
- ❖ 8 continuing education preapprovals were approved
- ❖ 1 preapproval was denied, will mail letter requesting additional information for next board meeting.

Dr. Smith moved that this report be accepted. Dr. Gresham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ABESPA LIAISON TO SHAA: HEMM

SHAA Convention - dates and times of the ABESPA Board meeting and Forum were given.

Dr. Hemm moved that this report be accepted. Dr. Gresham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AD HOC: Administrative Monthly:MOORE

Mrs. Moore reviewed the Administrative Monthly, Volume 26 Number 3, there were no items related to the Board.

Dr. Gresham moved that this report be accepted. Dr. Molt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CREDENTIALS REVIEW AND ENFORCEMENT: MOLT

2005-1MD – remains in litigation court proceedings are scheduled for February 27, 2008.

Dr. Molt moved that this report be accepted. Dr. Gresham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SHAA LIAISON: PAT LACOSTE

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

An email was received from Mary S. Parker regarding the cost of the SHAA Convention. The email will be responded to and forwarded to SHAA.

An invoice for annual dues to the National Council was received in the amount of \$300.00.

Dr. Hemm moved that the annual dues to the National Council be paid in the amount of \$300.00. Dr. Molt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Hemm moved that all actions taken at the February 10, 2006 board meeting be approved retroactively. Dr. Blaszczynski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Hemm moved that all actions taken at the September 7, 2007 board meeting be approved retroactively. Dr. Gresham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A request was received from a licensee granting an extension for continuing education because of wife's illness and death.

Dr. Hemm moved that the extension be approved until March 1, 2008 and that licensee is told that he must cease/desist from practicing until renewal is completed. Dr. Gresham seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Strategic planning committee will meet February 27, 2008 from 6:00 – 9:00 pm at the Hotel at Auburn University to discuss a five year priority plan for the board.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Jennifer Vinson, SHAA President
- Yvonne Saxon, Assistant Attorney General
- Dan McSweeney

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50. The next Board meeting will be held on February 8, 2008, Montgomery, Alabama.

Elisabeth Via
Secretary

Margaret Hemm
Chair

**ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
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MINUTES

October 10, 2008

The October meeting of the Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech Language Pathology and Audiology (ABESPA) was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Margaret Hemm, Chair, at the Board office in Montgomery. Board members present were Thomasyne Smith, Larry Molt, Amanda Blaszczyński, and Elisabeth Via. Also present were Assistant Attorney General Yvonne Saxon, Executive Secretary Wanda Rawlinson. Absent: Richard Gresham, Dot Moore and Denise Heffel

Dr. Hemm presented the agenda for the meeting and asked for corrections or additions. Dr. Molt recommended the agenda be approved as amended. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. The agenda was accepted as amended.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

To date six renewals have been received by mail and thirty-five licensees have renewed online.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

Ms. Saxon will present report at November's meeting on recording keeping and electronic media.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES AND REGULATIONS: GRESHAM

No report

APPLICATIONS REVIEW: MOLT

APPROVED LICENSE:

Asha Cox	SLP
Leslie Crawford	AUD
LaToya Dawkins	SLP
Carrie Mathis	SLP
Carrie May	SLP
Rebecca McGraw	SLP
Ashley Miles	AUD
Rena Nims	SLP
Kelli Watts	AUD
Nikki Williams	AUD
Latrell Wilson	AUD

APPROVED REGISTRATION AS CFY:

Jessica Arevalo	CFY/SLP
Nicole Sier	CFY/SLP
April Thompson	CFY/SLP
Kelley Carroll	CFY/SLP

APPROVED REGISTRATION AS ASSISTANT:

None

TO BE REVIEWED:

Kimberly Pennington	SLP
Cindy Carrell	SLP
Kindle Kesling	SLP
Sarah Palenzuela	CFY/SLP

Margaret Miller's CFY file was closed after she failed to respond to numerous requests for information.

Hillary Malone's CFY extension request was approved.

Dr. Molt made a motion that this report be accepted. Dr. Blaszczynski seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET: BLASZCZYNSKI

Dr. Blaszczynski reviewed the budget. The budget was balanced.

Dr. Blaszczynski made a motion that this report be accepted. Dr. Molt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES: MOORE

No report

MINUTES AND WEBSITE: VIA

The minutes from the September 12, 2008, board meeting were emailed to each Board member prior to the October meeting. Ms. Via made a motion to approve the minutes. Dr. Blaszczynski seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: SMITH

- ◆ Thirty continuing education preapproval applications were received.
- ◆ Twenty-seven were approved.
- ◆ Three were not approved for lack of information. Letters will be mailed to request additional information.

- ◆ Twenty continuing education audits were received.
- ◆ Seventeen were approved and three required more information. Request letters will be mailed out.

- ◆ A \$1,000 grant was approved for the University of Montevallo for the Tenth Annual Loretta G. Brown Symposium.

Dr. Smith made a motion that this report be accepted. Dr. Molt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ABESPA LIAISON TO SHAA: SMITH

Executive Committee will meet on October 24th.

CREDENTIALS REVIEW AND ENFORCEMENT: MOLT

No complaints have been received.

SHAA LIAISON: DOREEN OYADOMARI

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Hemm made introductions and committee assignments:

Dr. Larry Molt, Chair
Dr. Amanda Blaszczyński, Vice-Chair
Dr. Margaret Hemm, Recording Secretary

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Rules and Regulations	Amanda Blaszczyński
Applications Review	Denise Heffel
Budget	Beth Via
ADA	Dot Moore
Minutes/ Website	Margaret Hemm
Continuing Education	Thomasyne Smith
ABESPA Liaison	Larry Molt
Credential Review	Beth Via

Board meeting dates for the 2009 year were set:

January 9 th	Montgomery		
February 13 th	Montgomery		
March 4 th	Birmingham	SHAA Convention	Wynfrey Hotel
March 6 th (Forum)	Birmingham	SHAA Convention	Wynfrey Hotel
April 3 rd	Montgomery		
May 8 th	Montgomery		
June 12 th	Montgomery		
July 10 th	Montgomery		
August 14 th	Montgomery		
September 11 th	Montgomery		
October 9 th	Montgomery		
November 13 th	Montgomery		
December 11 th	Montgomery		

OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter draft approved and will be sent to the printers for a draft and quote.

Strategic Planning – Dr. Molt did revisions on the plan and will check rules and regulations for consistency. Changes will be emailed to Board members prior to the November meeting for review.

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm. The next Board meeting will be held on November 14, 2008, Montgomery, Alabama.

Elisabeth Via
Secretary

Margaret Hemm
Chair

**ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
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November 14, 2008

The November meeting of the Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech Language Pathology and Audiology (ABESPA) was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by, Larry Molt, Chair, at the Board office in Montgomery. Dr. Blaszczyński made a motion to delay start of meeting by fifteen minutes in order for committees to complete their work. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Board members present were Thomasyne Smith, Margaret Hemm, Amanda Blaszczyński, Elisabeth Via, Dot Moore, and Denise Heffel. Also present was Executive Secretary Wanda Rawlinson. Absent: Assistant Attorney General Yvonne Saxon

Dr. Molt called the meeting back to order at 10:23 a.m.

Dr. Molt presented the agenda for the meeting and asked for corrections or additions. Dr. Hemm requested that a report on the NCSB Convention be added to the agenda under Old Business. Dr. Hemm recommended the agenda be approved as amended. Dr. Blaszczyński seconded the motion. The agenda was accepted as amended.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

To date 74 renewals have been received by mail and one hundred sixty-six licensees have renewed online.

Ms. Rawlinson passed around the Members of the Board 2008-09 list to be reviewed for any updated information or corrections.

Also, purchase order for the newsletter was received from State Purchasing and the newsletter will be mailed out in December.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES AND REGULATIONS: BLASZCZYNSKI

No report.

APPLICATIONS REVIEW: HEFFEL (MOLT)

APPROVED LICENSE:

Joseph Coskey	AUD
Angela Barber	SLP
Susan Hughes	SLP
Jennifer Leatherwood	SLP
Leighanne Paige	SLP
Angela Anklam	SLP
Yukari Kamikawa	SLP
Sarah Kimbrell	SLP
Hillary Malone	SLP
Beverly Marshall	SLP
Bradley Williams	SLP
Cindy Carrell	SLP
Kindle Kesling	SLP
Kimberly Pennington	SLP
Amy Russell	SLP

APPROVED REGISTRATION AS CFY:

Mary English	CFY/SLP
Courtney Jennings	CFY/SLP
Sarah Palenzuela	CFY/SLP

APPROVED REGISTRATION AS ASSISTANT:

None

TO BE REVIEWED:

Anissa Crow	CFY/SLP
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Dr. Molt made a motion that this report be accepted. Dr. Hemm seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET:VIA

Ms. Via reviewed the budget. The budget was balanced.

Ms. Via made a motion that this report be accepted. Dr. Blaszczyński seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES: MOORE

Mrs. Moore attended the 2008 Americans with Disabilities Act Seminar: Answering ADA Workplace Questions, on Friday, November 7, 2008 in Prattville, Alabama. Mrs. Moore noted changes that seem to be more receptive toward communication disorders. A copy of the manual will be kept in the ABESPA reference library.

Mrs. Moore also reported that the Public Service Commission has funded a program at Troy State University in Montgomery for sign language.

Mrs. Moore made a motion that this report be accepted. Dr. Blaszczyński seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES AND WEBSITE: HEMM

The minutes from the October 10, 2008, board meeting were emailed to each Board member prior to the November meeting. Dr. Hemm made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Ms. Heffel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: SMITH

- ❖ RENEWAL: 93 continuing education audits were received: 89 approved 4 not approved (letter will be mailed requesting additional information or clarification.)
- ❖ PREAPPROVALS: 12 continuing education preapprovals were received: 11 were approved 1 pending (letter will be mailed requesting updated agenda).

Dr. Smith made a motion that this report be accepted. Ms. Via seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- ❖ GRANTS: 2 continuing education grants were requested for a joint symposium - Auburn University Chapter of the National Student Speech-Language-Hearing Association (NSSLHA) and National Association of Future Doctors of Audiology (NAFDA) has requested 2 tracks for 7 hours each. They are requesting \$1,000 for each track. The William E. Weidner Symposium is scheduled for February 6, 2009.

Dr. Hemm made a motion to give the William E. Weidner Symposium the requested \$2,000 grant. Ms. Heffel seconded the motion. The votes were:

Dr. Molt – abstained
Dr. Hemm – yes
Dr. Smith – yes
Dr. Blaszczynski - yes

Ms. Via - yes
Mrs. Moore - yes
Ms. Heffel - yes

The motion passed.

ABESPA LIAISON TO SHAA: MOLT

Dr. Molt attended the SHAA Executive Board Meeting on October 24, 2008 in Birmingham, Alabama. See attached report.

CREDENTIALS REVIEW AND ENFORCEMENT: VIA

No report.

SHAA LIAISON: DOREEN OYADOMARI

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

New Board Member Denise (Lynn) Heffel was welcomed to the Board.

The following emails were discussed:

Richard Robert - regarding vestibular/balance assessment management by technicians in a physician's office. He noted these tests are interpreted by physicians that reside in states outside of Alabama. Dr. Molt will contact Yvonne Saxon, Assistant Attorney General, to determine if any Board action can be made.

Elana Miller requested the Board position on Telepractice. Dr. Molt responded that ABESPA is reviewing this currently – our rules and regulations do not directly address telepractice but we do have a proscription in the Code of Ethics that practitioners cannot practice solely by correspondence.

The Board reviewed the contract for Gary Copeland to continue as ABESPA's webmaster.

Ms. Via made a motion to accept the contract. Mrs. Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Molt, Dr. Smith and Dr. Blaszczyński attended the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology 21st Annual Conference in Vienna, Virginia on October 16-18th. They made a brief report on the conference and the pre-conference workshop for new board members.

The Board meeting dates for April and September have been changed. New dates are April 17th and September 18th. Ms. Rawlinson will send changes to the Secretary of State's website.

Board members discussed changes and additions to the Strategic Plan for 2009-2013, which is in the final stage of development.

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on December 12, 2008, Montgomery, Alabama.

Margaret Hemm
Recording Secretary

Larry Molt
Chairperson

**ALABAMA BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
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MINUTES

December 12, 2008

The December meeting of the Alabama Board of Examiners for Speech Language Pathology and Audiology (ABESPA) was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Larry Molt, Chair, at the Board office in Montgomery. Dr. Smith made a motion to delay the start of the meeting until continuing education audits are completed. Ms. Via seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Board members present were Thomasyne Smith, Dot Moore, Elisabeth Via, and Denise Heffel. Also present was Executive Secretary Wanda Rawlinson. Absent: Margaret Hemm, Amanda Blaszczyński, and Assistant Attorney General Yvonne Saxon.

Dr. Molt called the meeting back to order at 11:05 a.m.

Dr. Molt presented the agenda for the meeting and asked for corrections or additions. Dr. Smith recommended the agenda be approved as amended. Ms. Heffel seconded the motion. The agenda was accepted as amended.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

- ❖ 761 renewals have been received and processed. (418 renewed online and 343 were mailed)
- ❖ A corrected schedule of meeting dates was distributed.
- ❖ Newsletter will be mailed out next week.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RULES AND REGULATIONS: BLASZCZYNSKI

No report.

APPLICATIONS REVIEW: HEFFEL

APPROVED LICENSE:

Candace Bell	AUD
Tamatha Davis	AUD
Danette Mahoney	SLP
Kimberly Thompson	SLP
Arielle Barlow	SLP
Stephanie Covert	SLP
Brooke Jacks	SLP
Susanna McLaney	SLP
Ashley Smart	SLP

APPROVED REGISTRATION AS CFY:

Tiffany Pimperl	SLP/CFY
Anissa Crow	SLP/CFY

APPROVED REGISTRATION AS ASSISTANT:

Jan Renegar	SLP/Assistant
Emily Ballard	SLP/Assistant

TO BE REVIEWED:

None

Ms. Heffel made a motion that this report be accepted. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET:VIA

Ms. Via reviewed the budget. The budget was balanced.

Ms. Via made a motion that this report be accepted. Ms. Heffel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES: MOORE

No report.

MINUTES AND WEBSITE: HEMM

The minutes from the November 14, 2008, board meeting were emailed to each Board member prior to the December meeting. Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Ms. Heffel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CONTINUING EDUCATION: SMITH

191 continuing education audits were received – 188 were approved 3 were not approved.

Dr. Smith made a motion that this report be accepted. Ms. Via seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ABESPA LIAISON TO SHAA: MOLT

No report.

CREDENTIALS REVIEW AND ENFORCEMENT: VIA

No report.

SHAA LIAISON: DOREEN OYADOMARI

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was presented to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

- Ms. Saxon will present her new board members presentation in January.
- The Strategic Plan will be ratified at the January Board meeting and appointments to the committees will be made at that time.

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next Board meeting will be held on January 9, 2009, Montgomery, Alabama.

Elisabeth Via
Acting Recording Secretary

Larry Molt
Chairperson