

**Advisory Commission for Speech-Language
Pathologists & Audiologists
Conference Call
Wednesday, July 6, 2016
7:45 a.m.**

**Division of Professional Registration
Missouri Board of Healing Arts
Jefferson City, Missouri 65109**

The members of the Advisory Commission for Speech-Language Pathologists & Audiologists have scheduled a conference call for Wednesday July 6, 2016 at 7:45 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Board of Healing Arts office, 3605 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, Missouri 65109.

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The Committee may go into closed session at any time during the meeting. If the meeting is closed the appropriate section will be announced to the public with the motion and vote recorded in open session minutes.

Please see attached tentative agenda for this meeting.

THIS MEETING WAS CANCELED

Post Date: 7/1/2016

Amended 7/6/2016

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7:45 a.m. –Open Session

- 1) Prerogatives of the chair**
- 2) Approval of June 10, 2016 Open Meeting Minutes**
- 3) Senate Bill 107**

Closed Session Agenda

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Any unfinished agenda item may be taken up after the closed session portion of the meeting.

1. Prerogatives of the Chair

2. Approval of Open Meeting Minutes

**Advisory Commission for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists
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**Open Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2016**

The members of the Advisory Commission for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists convened via conference call on June 10, 2016 at 7:45 a.m. The call originated from the office of the Missouri Board of Registration for the Healing Arts located within the Division of Professional Registration located at 3605 Missouri Boulevard in Jefferson City, Missouri 65109.

Member Participation:

Russell Jaffe, SLP, Chair
Dr. Carlotta Kimble, SLP, Secretary
Dr. Pat Lawlor, AUD, Member
Brenda Martien, SLP, Member
Dr. Gilbert Phon, AUD, Member

Members Absent

Craig Strohbeck, Public Member

Staff Participation:

Connie Clarkston, Executive Director
Paul Lefebvre, Associate General Counsel
Kim Brester, Administrative Coordinator
Tammy Branch, Executive Assistant

Guests in attendance:

Dr. Diane Golden, AUD
Heather Johns, LCSW, Counselor Manager, Capital Region Medical Center
Jim Weiberg, LPC, Counselor, Capital Region Medical Center

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Jaffe at approximately 7:45 a.m.

Prerogatives of the Chair

Mr. Jaffe did not have any prerogatives of the Chair.

Approval of Minutes

The March 25, 2016 Open Meeting Minutes were provided to the Commission for approval.

Motion was made by Ms. Martien and seconded by Dr. Lawlor to approve the March 25, 2016 Open Meeting minutes. Dr. Kimble, Dr. Lawlor and Ms. Martien voted in favor of the motion. Dr. Phon and Mr. Strohbeck were not present. Motion carried unanimously.

Missouri Physician Health Program

Jim Weiberg, LPC, Counselor spoke with the Commission members about the Missouri Physician Health Program.

This topic was for informational purposes only and no action was taken by the Commission.

Senate Bill 107

Staff has become aware of concerns from the public regarding the proposed rules implementing the changes brought by Senate Bill 107 ("SB 107"). Most notably, a representative from the Missouri Council of Administrators of Special Education submitted an email detailing her concerns regarding modifications to the language which allowed individuals to combine their bachelor's degree with various other coursework to be eligible for a Speech Language Pathologist Assistant ("SLPA") license. A copy of SB 107, the draft rules, correspondence from the representative and a memo outlining the various changes being implemented were attached for the Commission's review.

Motion was made by Dr. Kimble and seconded by Dr. Lawlor to table this discussion until the July conference call and direct staff to amend the language. Dr. Kimble, Dr. Lawlor, Ms. Martien and Dr. Phon voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Strohbeck was not present. Motion carried unanimously.

Speech Language Pathologist Licensure Requirements

Recently, staff received several emails from Speech Language Pathology training programs in Missouri expressing concerns with the Board's licensure process following the removal of the provisional license. Specifically, the programs are raising concerns that graduates are unable to obtain a license in time to begin working in school-based positions, as they are unable to present official transcripts until much later in the year. These programs are requesting the Advisory Commission and Board accept letters from the programs stating they have completed all the necessary coursework in lieu of official transcripts. Copies of email correspondence were attached for the Commission's review.

Motion was made by Ms. Martien and seconded by Dr. Kimble to direct staff to draft legislation to allow evidence of graduation to be submitted in lieu of an official final transcript. Dr. Kimble, Dr. Lawlor, Ms. Martien and Dr. Phon voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Strohbeck was not present. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Tara Battles Resume for Audiologist

Tara Battles, MA, CCC/A submitted an email and resume for consideration to fill the vacancy on the Commission due to the recent resignation of Andrew Schuette, AuD. Ms. Battles email and resume were reviewed by the Commission.

Motion was made by Dr. Kimble and seconded by Dr. Phon to recommend to the Board that Tara Battles be appointed to the Advisory Commission for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists as an Audiologist member. Dr. Kimble, Dr. Lawlor, Ms. Martien and Dr. Phon voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Strohbeck was not present. Motion carried unanimously.

Elections

Pursuant to section 345.075, RSMo the Commission is required to hold an annual meeting to elect from its membership a chairman and secretary.

Motion was made by Ms. Martien and seconded by Dr. Kimble to nominate Russ Jaffe as the Chair of the Commission for 2016-2017. No other nominations were made. Dr. Kimble, Dr. Lawlor, Ms. Martien and Dr. Phon voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Strohbeck was not present. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Dr. Phon and seconded by Dr. Lawlor to nominate Dr. Kimble as Secretary of the Commission for 2016-2017. No other nominations were made. Dr. Kimble, Dr. Lawlor, Ms. Martien and Dr. Phon voted to appoint Dr. Kimble as Secretary. Mr. Strohbeck was not present. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

Motion was made by Ms. Martien and seconded by Dr. Phon to go into closed session pursuant to sections 610.021(1), (3), (5), (7), (13) and (14) and 324.001.8 and .9 and 334.001, RSMo. Dr. Kimble, Dr. Lawlor, Ms. Martien and Dr. Phon voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Strohbeck was not present. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Motion made by Ms. Martien and seconded by Dr. Kimble to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 a.m. Dr. Kimble, Dr. Lawlor, Ms. Martien and Dr. Phon voted in favor of the motion. Mr. Strohbeck was not present. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Senate Bill 107



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SB 107

To: SLP/AUD Advisory Commission Members

From: Paul Lefebvre, Associate General Counsel

Date: June 30, 2016

RE: Proposed Amendment to 20 CSR 2150-4.205 – Revision

During its June 10, 2016 conference call, the Advisory Commission revisited the language it previously approved to amend 20 CSR 2150-4.205, the rule governing Speech Language Pathologist Assistant's application requirements.

This topic was placed on the June 10th General Business Agenda after members of the public expressed concern regarding changes to the current provision that allows applicants with undergraduate degrees in fields other than speech-language pathology to obtain an SLPA license. Specifically, under the current rule, applicants who have completed twenty-one (21) semester hours of speech-language pathology or audiology coursework and/or leveling coursework as a prerequisite for entering an accredited speech-language pathology Master's program are eligible for an SLPA license. The recently approved draft removed the "twenty-one (21) semester hours" language and added "any bachelor's degree issued by program which would satisfy as the prerequisite for entry into an accredited master's degree program."

After discussion, the Advisory Commission directed staff to draft new language to ensure qualified applicants remain eligible for an SLPA license. The revised draft of 20 CSR 2150-4.205 and the pertinent portions of the current rule and previous draft are provided for the Advisory Commission's review.

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Enclosure(s)

20 CSR 2150-4.205 – Revised Language

**Title 20—DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
AND PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION
Division 2150—State Board of Registration for the Healing Arts
Chapter 4—Licensing of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

20 CSR 2150-4.205 Procedural Process for Registration

PURPOSE: This rule details the registration process for speech-language pathology assistants.

- (1) Applications for registration must be made on forms prepared by the Advisory Commission for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists. Application forms may be obtained by writing the executive director for the Advisory Commission for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists, 3605 Missouri Boulevard, PO Box 4, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-0098.
- (2) An application will not be considered as officially submitted unless completely filled out, properly attested, and the application fee has been received by the board. The application fee must be drawn on a United States bank. The following documents are necessary to be filed with the board in order to deem the application complete:
 - (A) Applicants must furnish official transcripts, **which detail all coursework and document the degree(s) awarded and area(s) of emphasis from one (1) or more accredited colleges or universities**, confirming: *[a bachelor's degree speech-language pathology or equivalent Transcripts shall detail all coursework and document the degree(s) awarded and area(s) of emphasis. An equivalent degree is a bachelor's degree issued by a program as the prerequisite for entry into a master's degree program that meets the requirements of the council on academic accreditation of the American Speech-Language- Hearing Association or other bachelor's degree with—*
 1. *At least twenty-one (21) semester hours in speech-language pathology and/or audiology that address the speech pathology content areas of anatomy and physiology, speech-language disorders including both developmental and acquired, and clinical methods;*
 2. *At least twenty-five (25) hours of documented clinical observation in the area of speech-language pathology; and*
 3. *At least twenty-five (25) hours of documented clinical assisting or clinical practicum experience in the area of speech language pathology;]*
 1. **The applicant obtained a bachelor's degree in the field of speech-language pathology, communication sciences and disorders or communication disorders; or**
 2. **The applicant obtained a bachelor's degree in a field of study other than speech-language pathology, communication sciences and disorders or communication disorders; and**

- (a) completed leveling coursework as a prerequisite for entry into a master's degree program accredited by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association; or**
- (b) completed a minimum of twenty (21) semester hours of pre-professional speech-language pathology and/or audiology coursework addressing the speech pathology content areas of anatomy and physiology, developmental and acquired speech-language disorders, and clinical methods; and completed a minimum of twenty-five (25) hours of documented clinical observation and twenty-five (25) hours of documented clinical assisting or clinical practicum experience in the area of speech-language pathology;**

(B) Applicants shall furnish documentation as specified by the commission to verify meeting the requirements of subsection (2)(A);

(C) Degrees and/or coursework received at foreign universities shall be acceptable only if such coursework and clinical practicum hours are verified as meeting the requirements of subsection (2)(A). A credentialing service approved by the commission shall be used to determine if such degrees and/or coursework are equivalent;

(D) All applicants shall furnish a statement from a speech-language pathologist holding current unrestricted licensure to practice in the state of Missouri pursuant to section 345.015(~~10~~**11**), RSMo, acknowledging acceptance of the legal and ethical responsibilities for supervising the applicant. **If at the time of application the applicant is not employed and does not have a supervisor, then said applicant is not required to provide the above statement prior to becoming registered as a speech-language pathology assistant. However, once an applicant obtains employment, they shall submit the above statement within thirty (30) days of obtaining employment;**

(E) Verification of licensure, registration, and/or certification to practice in other states or territories shall be submitted to the board directly from the issuing agency, documenting their record of the applicant, if applicable; and

(F) All applicants shall present with the application a recent, unmounted, identifiable photograph not larger than three and one-half inches by five inches (3 1/2" × 5") nor smaller than two inches by three inches (2" × 3").

(3) During a registration year if there is a change in supervision, a new Supervisor Responsibility Statement must be completed by the new licensed supervisor and returned to the board. Without the completed statement on file, an assistant may not practice as an assistant until a current Supervisor Responsibility Statement is received by the board.

(4) The completed application, including all documents, supporting material(s) and official transcripts required by the commission, must be received at least thirty (30) days before the next regularly scheduled commission meeting. Applications completed fewer than thirty (30) days before the next regularly scheduled meeting may be scheduled for the following regularly scheduled meeting.

(5) Following the commission and board's review, the applicant will be informed by letter either that the application has been approved or that it has been rejected. Any rejection letter will outline, with as much specificity as practicable, the reasons for rejection.

AUTHORITY: sections 345.015, 345.030, and 345.050, RSMo Supp. 2011, and section 334.125, RSMo 2000. This rule originally filed as 4 CSR 150-4.205. Original rule filed July 31, 2000, effective Feb. 28, 2001. Amended: Filed April 15, 2004, effective Oct. 30, 2004. Moved to 20 CSR 2150-4.205, effective Aug. 28, 2006. Amended: Filed July 11, 2007, effective Jan. 30, 2008. Amended: Filed Jan. 3, 2012, effective Aug. 30, 2012.*

**Original authority: 334.125, RSMo 1959, amended 1993, 1995; 345.015, RSMo 1973, amended 1986, 1995, 1998, 2004, 2005, 2007; 345.030, RSMo 1973, amended 1981, 1995, 1998, 2007; and 345.050, RSMo 1973, amended 1981, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1990, 1995, 1998, 2005.*

20 CSR 2150-4.205 – Comparison

Current Rule

(A) Applicants must furnish official transcripts from one (1) or more accredited colleges or universities, confirming a bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology or equivalent. Transcripts shall detail all coursework and document the degree(s) awarded and area(s) of emphasis. An equivalent degree is a bachelor's degree issued by a program as the prerequisite for entry into a master's degree program that meets the requirements of the council on academic accreditation of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or other bachelor's degree with—

1. At least twenty-one (21) semester hours in speech-language pathology and/or audiology that address the speech pathology content areas of anatomy and physiology, phonetics, speech-language development, speech-language disorders including both developmental and acquired, and clinical methods;
2. At least twenty-five (25) hours of documented clinical observation in the area of speech-language pathology; and
3. At least twenty-five (25) hours of documented clinical assisting or clinical practicum experience in the area of speech-language pathology;

(B) Applicants shall furnish documentation as specified by the commission to verify meeting the requirements of subsection (2)(A);

Initial Draft of Revised Rule

(A) Applicants must furnish official transcripts from one (1) or more accredited colleges or universities, confirming a bachelor's degree **in the field of** speech-language pathology. Transcripts shall detail all coursework and document the degree(s) awarded and area(s) of emphasis. **The following degrees shall be considered in the field of speech-language pathology:**

1. a bachelor's degree in speech language pathology;
2. a bachelor's degree in communication sciences and disorders;
3. a bachelor's degree in communication disorders; or
4. any bachelor's degree issued by a program which would satisfy as the prerequisite for entry into a master's degree program that meets the requirements of the council on academic accreditation of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association.

(B) Applicants must furnish proof of completion of twenty five (25) hours of documented clinical observation of clinical sessions in the field of speech-language pathology, and twenty five (25) hours of clinical assisting or practicum experience in the field of speech-language pathology;

Revised Rule following Conference Call

(A) Applicants must furnish official transcripts, which detail all coursework and document the degree(s) awarded and area(s) of emphasis, from one (1) or more accredited colleges or universities, confirming:

1. The applicant obtained a bachelor's degree in the field of speech-language pathology, communication sciences and disorders or communication disorders; or

2. The applicant obtained a bachelor's degree in a field of study other than speech-language pathology, communication sciences and disorders or communication disorders; and

(a) completed leveling coursework as a prerequisite for entry into a master's degree program accredited by the American Speech-Language Hearing Association; or

(b) completed a minimum of twenty (21) semester hours of pre-professional speech-language pathology and/or audiology coursework addressing the speech pathology content areas of anatomy and physiology, developmental and acquired speech-language disorders, and clinical methods; and completed a minimum of twenty-five (25) hours of documented clinical observation and twenty-five (25) hours of documented clinical assisting or clinical practicum experience in the area of speech-language pathology;

(B) Applicants shall furnish documentation as specified by the commission to verify meeting the requirements of subsection (2)(A);