



# D.C. Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology

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## YOUR MAILING ADDRESS

Changing your mailing address? Send your name, mailing address, and license number to:

Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology  
Processing Department  
Address/Name Change  
717 14th Street, NW  
Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20005



Government of the District of Columbia  
Adrian M. Fenty, Mayor



Fall 2010

## LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

**G**reetings to all! The Board has been busy, thanks—in large part—to you!! If you flip to page 8 and 9 of this newsletter you will see a list of all the speech pathologists and audiologists who have received licenses since the publication of our last newsletter in April, 2010. Congratulations to all those who have come into compliance with the DC licensure laws.

Our professions have received notice in the news lately. New studies have revealed significant rates of increase in hearing loss among teens. (Sadly, not a surprise to many of us.) And other articles in the common media report on the role of audiologists and speech pathologists in helping soldiers recover from war wounds. We know that our role can be integral in improving both the communication abilities and the quality of life for our patients, but a little good publicity never hurts.

Also since our last newsletter, the Board has been hard at work on a number of different issues. Audiology regulations will be published soon. The Board's **GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ON TELEPRACTICE** can be found on page 3 of this newsletter as well as on the Health Professional Licensing Administration website ([www.hpla.doh.dc.gov](http://www.hpla.doh.dc.gov)).

In October, the members of the Board attended the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology. I know I speak for all the board members when I say that the experience was just amazing. We learned so much from the speakers and from the other attendees, many of whom have dealt with questions and issues similar to the ones we currently face in DC. One thing that became clear during the conference was that, although we are a new board with lots of work still ahead, in general, the DC board is progressing quite well. In the coming months, as we move beyond "start up mode" into a more established board, we will be applying some of what we learned at the conference to our next initiatives.

Ongoing work by the Board will include statements on clinical fellows and continuing education. Neither of these initiatives have been finalized; however, we encourage you to stay in touch so that you can be aware of new information.

As always, we welcome you to our meetings. Over the past few months, we have had several visitors who have brought great questions and interesting perspectives to the conversation. We look forward to another productive season.



Gabriele S. Nicolet, MA, CCC-SLP

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Chairperson  
DC Board of Audiology and  
Speech-Language Pathology

## Upcoming Board Meetings

### DC Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

MEETS THE

THIRD MONDAY  
OF EVERY MONTH  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

at 717 14th St., NW  
10th Floor  
Washington, DC 20005

Time is allocated at each Board Meeting to allow the public an opportunity to speak to the Board. Please notify us in advance if you plan to attend a meeting by sending an email to [fatima.abby@dc.gov](mailto:fatima.abby@dc.gov).

## LICENSEES MUST PRACTICE UNDER NAME ON LICENSE

Section 4016 of 17 DCMR Chapter 40, HEALTH OCCUPATIONS: GENERAL RULES states that "an individual holding a license, registration, or certification to practice a health occupation in the District of Columbia shall perform all professional practice in the District under the full name in which his or her license was issued." Section 4016 also specifies that all signage, stationary, and advertisements, as well as oral and written communication with the public must be in the same name as on one's license.

## LICENSURE RENEWAL

LICENSES EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2010

RENEW YOUR LICENSE VIA THE INTERNET.

TO RENEW ONLINE YOU MUST USE INTERNET EXPLORER 6.0 OR HIGHER AND PAY BY MASTERCARD OR VISA. OUR SYSTEM IS NOT COMPATIBLE WITH FIREFOX, GOOGLE CHROME OR SAFARI.

Before you log-on to our website, please have these items available:

- Your Social Security Number
- Your Visa or MasterCard, in order to pay your renewal fee of \$179 online.

WHEN YOU ARE READY TO LOG-ON to our Web site:

- Enter [www.hpla.doh.dc.gov](http://www.hpla.doh.dc.gov) into the address field of your web browser
  - Click on Online License Renewal
  - Type in your Social Security number and last name and click on "Search" tab
  - At the Registration page, you must create a User ID and Password
  - type in your newly created User ID and Password and follow the step-by-step instructions to complete the renewal process.
- Please be sure to printout a copy of the "Confirmation Page" for your records.

AFTER YOU FINISH THE ON-LINE RENEWAL AT OUR WEB SITE, SEND US:

- If you do not currently have a photo on your license, you will need to send TWO (2) 2"x2" photos of yourself (identical passport-size photos; plain background, front-view, fade-proof), and write on the back of the photos your full name and license number or social security number.
- If you answer "yes" to the question in "Section 6", please mail the supporting document (s).
- Mail the items to:  
HPLA - ATTN: Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Renewal  
717-14th Street NW, 6th Floor  
Washington, DC 20005
- After 24 hours, you may verify your completed renewal at:  
<http://hpla.doh.dc.gov/weblookup>

NOTE: You are not required to submit proof of having met your CE credit requirement with your renewal at this time. CEUs ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR FIRST RENEWAL.

TO REQUEST A PAPER RENEWAL APPLICATION OR APPLY FOR PAID INACTIVE STATUS, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT [WWW.HPLA.DOH.DC.GOV](http://WWW.HPLA.DOH.DC.GOV) OR CALL 1-877-672-2174 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:15 AM AND 4:40 PM EST - MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

## READ YOUR PRACTICE ACT

As you renew your license, please take the time to review the practice act.

Please note that practice act is on pages 11 - 15 of this newsletter.

The online link to the act is

[http://www.hpla.doh.dc.gov/hpla/frames.asp?doc=/hpla/lib/hpla/audiology\\_and\\_speech\\_pathology/au\\_slp\\_bill.pdf](http://www.hpla.doh.dc.gov/hpla/frames.asp?doc=/hpla/lib/hpla/audiology_and_speech_pathology/au_slp_bill.pdf)

The act states your duties and responsibilities as a speech pathologist/audiologist in the District of Columbia.

# GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ON TELEPRACTICE

## HEALTH REGULATION AND LICENSING ADMINISTRATION & HEALTH PROFESSIONAL BOARDS

BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND  
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY  
July 2010 AUTHORITY FOR GUIDANCE

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POLICY NO.

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

#### LICENSURE OF AUDIOLOGISTS AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS WHO ENGAGE IN TELEPRACTICE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

##### **Policy:**

The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology will deem it a violation of its regulations if an audiologist or speech-language pathologist provides services in the District of Columbia without a District of Columbia license, regardless of whether the professional providing services is physically located in the District of Columbia or another jurisdiction.

##### **Analysis:**

District of Columbia law at Title 3, Chapter 12, section 1205.01, requires the licensure of providers of health care services in the District of Columbia. With regard to audiologists and speech-language pathologists, the law provides as follows:

**License, registration, or certification required.** (a) A license issued pursuant to this chapter is required to practice...,audiology, speech-language pathology...in the District, except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology wanted to clarify that any person providing audiology or speech-language pathology services in the District of Columbia must be licensed, and the licensure requirement is applicable regardless of the physical location of the person(s) providing the services. The exemptions from licensure found at Title 3, Chapter 12, section 1205.2 are applicable to telepractice.

This policy statement does not address persons who are located in the District of Columbia but who are providing services outside of the District.

## WHEN YOU MOVE OR CHANGE YOUR NAME PLEASE INFORM THE BOARD

The law requires that all name and address changes be submitted in writing to our office within 30 days of the change. Please include your name, address, Social Security number, and license number if you know it. If you have a name change, you must also enclose a copy of your certificate of marriage, divorce decree, or court order that authorizes the change.

Fax your request to (202) 727-8471 or mail your name and address change to:

DC Board of Audiology  
and Speech-Language  
Pathology  
Address/Name Change  
717 14th Street, NW  
Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20005

## ATTENTION LICENSEES

HELP US TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOU!

Please send an email informing the Board of your email address at:

**FATIMA.ABBY@DC.GOV**

The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology will be distributing the Board newsletter electronically.

## YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

You are cordially invited to attend an Open Session of the monthly meeting of the DC Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology.

The Board meets at 9:00 am on the third Monday of every month.

To RSVP and confirm date and time, please contact  
Board Health Licensing Specialist

Fatima Abby at (202) 724-8826 or via email at [fatima.abby@dc.gov](mailto:fatima.abby@dc.gov).

## PAID INACTIVE STATUS

If you intend to retire your license, or if you would like to place your license on Inactive Status, you must explicitly inform the Board of your intention before the renewal date expires. If you fail to pay renewal fees on time, your license is not inactive; it is delinquent (expired). It is unlawful to practice as an Audiologist or Speech-Language Pathologist while your license is delinquent/expired.

PAID INACTIVE FEE:	\$179 (one-time fee)
TIME LIMITATION:	UNLIMITED
FEE TO REACTIVATE YOUR LICENSE:	\$ 34
CONTINUING EDUCATION (CEUs):	

Licensees on Paid Inactive status must continue to meet the continuing education requirements; CEUs must be presented to the Board when applying for licensure reactivation.

Contact HPLA Customer Service at 1 (877) 672-2174, or Ms. Fatima Abby at: (202) 724-8826 for further information.

The licensure requirement is in effect. For an application package, go online at [www.hpla.doh.dc.gov](http://www.hpla.doh.dc.gov).

## HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY: REPORTING DWIs, DUIs, AND OWIs

by Melissa Musiker, MPP, RD, LD

According to a 2009 National Highway Transportation Safety Administration report, in 2008, an estimated 11,773 people died in drunk driving crashes involving a driver with an illegal (0.08 or greater) Blood Alcohol Content (BAC). These deaths constitute 31.6 percent of the 37,261 total traffic fatalities in 2008. There are increasing reports of people who think “driving while buzzed” is not as dangerous as driving while intoxicated. This is not the case. In Washington, DC any amount of drinking and driving can be cause for legal action.

Washington, DC has three different types of “drunk driving” violations:

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| <p>1. <b>Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)</b> is the act of operating or being in physical control of a motor vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.08 or higher.</p> | <p>2. <b>Driving Under the Influence (DUI)</b> is the act of operating or being in physical control of a motor vehicle “under the influence of alcohol” and this can mean a blood alcohol level as low as 0.05 or if you show that you are impaired by alcohol to an “appreciable degree.”</p> | <p>3. <b>Operating While Impaired (OWI)</b> is the act of operating or being in physical control of a motor vehicle while you are so affected by the consumption of alcohol that it impairs</p> | <p>your ability to operate a motor vehicle in the same way a reasonably careful and prudent driver, not so impaired, would operate a vehicle in similar circumstances.</p> |
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Most people are probably familiar with DWI and DUI, however they may not be aware of the OWI law in DC. One need not have an illegal BAC or fail a field sobriety test to be convicted of an OWI. OWI is the easiest of the three types of “drunk driving” violations for a prosecutor to prove and as a result the penalties for an OWI conviction are lighter than those for a DUI or DWI.

Question 7b on the application for licensure asks if you have ever been convicted or investigated of a crime or misdemeanor (other than minor traffic violations). Despite the low threshold for proof, an OWI conviction or investigation must be reported on your application for licensure. The Board takes an OWI conviction just as seriously as we would a conviction for a DWI or DUI. Answering “yes” to question 7b is not cause for automatic exclusion from licensure. Each application for licensure that has a “yes” to question 7b is reviewed individually. As always, honesty is the best policy.

### IMPAIRED OPERATION OF A VEHICLE

PLEASE NOTE THAT, IN ADDITION TO ALCOHOL, IMPAIRMENT CAN ALSO BE CAUSED BY LEGALLY-OBTAINED MEDICATIONS OR ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES.

### What is the Health Professional Licensing Administration?

The Health Professional Licensing Administration (HPLA) serves as the agency that administers the licensure of almost 50,000 health professionals in the District of Columbia. HPLA also responds to consumer and incidents and/or complaints against health professionals, and conducts investigations if indicated. If necessary, HPLA can take enforcement actions to compel health professionals to come into compliance with District and Federal law. HPLA advises the health occupation boards and Department of Health in matters pertaining to the development of rules and regulations for health professionals. HPLA also provides additional services including licensure verification services, and licensure examinations. Health professionals include: Acupuncturists, Addiction Counselors, Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists, Chiropractors, Dance Therapists, Dental Assistants, Dentists, Dietitians, Massage Therapists, Naturopaths, Nurses, Nursing Home Administrators, Occupational Therapists, Optometrists, Pharmacists, Physician Assistants, Physicians, Podiatrists, Psychologists, Respiratory Care Practitioners, and Social Workers.

## TERMS TO KNOW

### YOU MUST

### DISPLAY YOUR

### LICENSE WHERE

### YOU PRACTICE.

#### **CONSENT ORDER:**

A voluntary agreement entered into by a board and a respondent (person disciplined) in lieu of hearing for violation of the HORA. A Consent Order may or may not be reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

#### **NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISCIPLINE (OR DENY):**

A document requested by a board and prepared by the Office of the Attorney General which places a licensee on notice that he or she is being charged with violating one or more of the health profession laws as outlined in Title 3 Chapter 12 of the D.C. Code. It may also indicate violation of District regulations as found in Title 17 of the District Register, and/or federal law. It will give a summary of the facts which serve as the basis for the violations. The document also contains information about how to request a hearing. The disciplinary action (if any) from a "Notice" is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

#### **SUMMARY SUSPENSION:**

A document requested by the Administrator of the Health Regulations Licensing Administration (not a Board)

that is prepared by the Office of the Attorney General. The purpose of the document is to immediately terminate the right of a person to practice a health profession because the Administrator believes that the person poses an imminent danger, because of his or her misconduct, to the health and safety of the residents of the District of Columbia or its visitors and guests. The "Suspension" informs the person that he or she must request a hearing within 72 hours and is entitled to a hearing within 72 hours – provided that the beginning and ending period for the 72 hours does not fall on a weekend or holiday in which case it is carried over to the next business day. Failure to request a hearing within the 72 hours results in the suspension remaining in place until it is lifted by the board having jurisdiction over the licensee. A Summary Suspension is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

#### **CEASE AND DESIST**

**ORDER:** A Cease and Desist order is a document requested by the Administrator and prepared by the Office of the Attorney General. It is served on a person whom the Administrator believes

may cause immediate and irreparable harm. Unlike a Summary Suspension, it is usually served on persons who are engaging in a health profession while not being licensed, registered, or certified. The person receiving the Cease and Desist must request a hearing within 10 days and is entitled to a hearing within 10 days. If the hearing isn't requested, the Cease and Desist remains in effect. If the person continues to be engaged in the activity after being served a Cease and Desist, the Administrator may ask the Office of the Attorney General to seek a criminal prosecution to enjoin the activity.

#### **THE NATIONAL PRACTITIONER DATA**

**BANK:** A database mandated by federal law and maintained by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the purposes of warehousing disciplinary actions taken by states against health professionals. Each licensing board is required to report to the Data Bank each and every formal disciplinary action taken against a licensee, registrant, or holder of a certification.

### YOU MUST

### PRACTICE UNDER

### THE NAME ON

### YOUR LICENSE.

### YOU MUST RENEW

### YOUR LICENSE

### EVERY TWO YEARS.

### NOT PRACTICING?

### YOU MAY OPT FOR

### PAID INACTIVE.

## INTERVIEW WITH BOARD INVESTIGATOR

Below is an interview with the DC Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology's investigator, Leonard Howard.

### **What is your role as the investigator for the Board of Audiology SLP?**

My role as an investigator for the Licensing Boards is to protect the citizens of the District of Columbia, from health professionals who fail to comply with the laws and regulations governing their practice. These requirements are found in the Health Occupations Revision Act of 2009 (HORA) and in the Municipal Regulations, both can be found on our website at [www.hpla.doh.dc.gov](http://www.hpla.doh.dc.gov).

### **What determines which licensees are investigated?**

The Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology determines which individuals are to be investigated. My job is to serve as a fact finder in gathering evidence, obtaining records and other documentation, and by conducting witness interviews. The Board determines the disciplinary action it will take in any given situation.

### **What if the person filing a complaint is irrational and the charges are unfounded?**

All complaints are "allegations" of misconduct or non-compliance by licensees or of unlicensed activity, until the investigation substantiates or fails to substantiate the complaint. When the allegations are substantiated, the Board decides the action to be taken.

### **What are now (or what do you anticipate will be) the most common reasons licensees come before the Board?**

The most common reason that health professionals come before the Board is dishonesty. Often health professionals are not honest on their initial applications. That is, they do not fully disclose essential information required on the application (e.g. criminal history, or prior disciplinary action from another jurisdiction, etc.)

### **If I am an Audiologist or Speech-Language Pathologist licensed in the District, and I think that a colleague may be doing something unethical or in violation of the regulations, what should I do?**

Licensees are encouraged to report any misconduct or unethical violations of any health professional to the Board.

### **What would you like the licensees of this board to know or keep in mind so their license will not be in jeopardy?**

To know and always abide by the health professional laws, rules and regulations of their profession.

### **Do you enjoy investigative work? Why?**

Yes I enjoy my work as an investigator. I enjoy the satisfaction that comes with the knowledge that I am part of a process or a system that is in place to protect citizens and visitors of the District of Columbia.

### **As an HPLA investigator, what is the most memorable case you have ever handled?**

Every case that I have investigated is memorable. Each case emphasizes the importance of not rushing to judgment before all of the facts have been gathered. Every case is a learning experience, and each experience builds upon the previous.

MORE BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY  
NEWS TO COME IN OUR NEXT NEWSLETTER!

VISIT US ON THE WEB AT [WWW.HPLA.DOH.DC.GOV](http://WWW.HPLA.DOH.DC.GOV)

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND OUR NEXT  
BOARD MEETING, CALL (202) 724-8826.

## WELCOME NEW LICENSEES!

(FOR 09-04-2009 THROUGH 10-12-2010)

### SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

ALLEN, ANTOINETTE S  
ALLEN, DENIERE N  
ALMAJID, PHAEDRA M.  
ANALOU EI, MARISSA M  
ANDREOU, FROSO  
ANGLIN, MADLYNN N  
ANSELMO, CHERYL L  
ARMSTRONG, LANA R  
ATHANASIADIS, ELPIDA  
AYER-ZIEGLER, ALONA C.  
AYYAMPALAYAM  
NALLAGOUNDEN,  
SANGEETHA  
BAGLI, ZENOBIA  
BAILEY, JAMIE R  
BAKER, MEREDITH L  
BARBOUR, MYRA M  
BARNABY, SARAH E.  
BARRERA, CLAUDINA  
BAUMAN, JESSICA A  
BAUTISTA VIGAS,  
MARGARITA  
BEASLEY, CHERYL L  
BECK, SARAH L  
BENITEZ-RIVERA, WILMA I.  
BERMAN, JERI K  
BESWICK, CAROL J.  
BILYEW, JENNIFER A  
BLAS, ELIZABETH M.  
BLOOMER, MELISSA J.  
BONIFANT, LAUREN  
BORSZ, KAREN CALABRESE  
BOWMAN, LAURA A  
BOYD, RUTH E  
BRADFORD, ANGELA C  
BRADY, REGINA A  
BRAVERMAN, LEONARD  
BRISCOE, DOMINESE G.  
BROOKS, JENNIFER R.  
BUERLE, SANDRA M.  
BURGESS, CATHLEEN M  
BURSTEIN, SHERYL B.  
BURWELL, DANIELLE L.  
BUZARD, SHERRY M.  
CALDERON, VALERIE S.  
CAMPBELL, SYLVIA L  
CARNEY, AIMEE S

CASAS-PUIG, BETTINA  
CATALOGNA, AMY P  
CHIMKA, JILL B.  
CHISHOLM, GENIE L  
CHITTAMPALLI,  
VIJAYALAKSMI S  
CHRISTIE, MEGAN A.  
CHRISTMAN, TRACY M  
CHUPP, STACEY R  
CIANGIULLI, BETH J.  
CLARK, LAUREN H  
CLARKE WALKER, MICHELE  
CLARKIN, SHANNON M.  
COLE, PATRICIA A  
COLLINS, LASHUNDRA L  
CORBIN, TAMARA M  
COTTER, JULIE K.  
COWARD, CHARLES A.  
CRAWFORD, RACHELLE L  
CUDWORTH, CHRISTAL J.  
CURATOLO, KATHLEEN E  
DAVIS, ALAINA S.  
DAVIS, JOHNETTA G.  
DENERVILLE-DAVIS,  
DAPHNEY V.  
DILL, EMILIE Y.  
DONAHOE, KRISTEN B  
DOUEK, BETH M.  
DOUGLAS, DIANE D  
DRAUGHON, MICHAEL A  
DUCKETT, ELIZABETH  
EBERT, KERRY D.  
EDICK, KAREN M  
EDMOND, DANIELLE  
EDWARDS, ERIN  
EFT, BRIAN  
ELGERT, MEGHAN K  
ELIE, MARTINE  
ELLIS, LINDSAY S.  
FADDAH, MONA A.  
FAMA, MACKENZIE E.  
FILL, MICHELLE  
FRANKLIN, DARA A  
FRANKLIN, SUSAN M.  
FRANSEN, JENNIFER L.  
GALLION, ERIN E  
GANZ, KIMBERLY  
GARRIDO-NAG,  
KAREN GAE S  
GAUB, SANDRA P

GAYMON, KRISTIN R  
GIBSON, EMILY R  
GILLIAM, DEIRDRA E  
GLASER, LAURA D  
GOFFEN, ROBIN L  
GONZALEZ, ANNA M  
GOTTSCHALK, KELLY A.  
GRANT, TAMISHA R.  
GREEN, JOAN L  
GREEN, STEPHANIE D.  
GRICE, ANGELA M.  
GRODOFSKY, JILL R  
HANDSCOMB, ANDREA E  
HARDY, ANNE M  
HASKIN, HEATHER  
HASTING, ANNE M.  
HATFIELD, BROOKE  
HAWS, HEATHER L.  
HENDERSON, JESSICA J  
HENDRICKSON, CHRISTINE L  
HERNANDEZ, MARGARET L  
HIGGENS, TRACY A.  
HILL, KIMBERLY A.  
HOELLE, SHANNAN L  
HOGAN, BEVERLY  
HOLDEN, SARAH J  
HONNAPPA, ROHINI  
HOOKER, JENNIFER N.  
HOUSE, LAWRENCE  
HSU, YUAN-JU  
HUGHES, KIMBERLY A  
JACOB-DESBORDES, SHERYL  
JANNETTA, VICTORIA M  
JEAN-BATISTE, MELISSA A.  
JOHNSON, KAREN G.  
JOHNSON, SHAMEKA N  
JOHNSON, SHARON A.  
JONES, ANN C.  
JONES, SYLVIA R  
JONES, TAMARRA I  
KAHNER, LACEY B.  
KALUZNY, JESSICA B  
KELLAM, WYNETTE J.  
KENNEY, SARA E  
KHABO, BEVERLY S  
KHODRA, NETTA L  
KHOO, SHARON  
KIBBLE, MICHELLE D.  
KIM, JOSEPH J

KIMBROUGH-  
GLEARS, DARLA R  
KRAUTHAMMER, AVIVA B.  
LADHANI, NISHIZA  
LATNEY, CHELSIA A.  
LEDESMA, MELISSA M.  
LEE, JAMES H  
LEE, KECHA L  
LEITER-CALKINS, SONJA  
LEMIEUX, MICHAEL P  
LEVINE, SUSAN J.  
LICHTY, KERRY A.  
LIST, VALERIE A.  
LONGINO, DEANNA T.  
MACASKILL, MEREDITH L  
MACCHIO, ELAINE A  
MAGDER, MAIA L.  
MAGGIO, JACLYN A  
MARQUEZ-RODRIGUEZ,  
REBECCA  
MARTIN, BEULAH L  
MARTINEZ, SILVIA J  
MATTHEWS, MALIKA  
MAYOR, ELIZABETH A  
MCCANN, JAMES P  
MCCLELLAND, REBECCA A.  
MCDERMOTT, PATRICIA A  
MCGRAW, PAULA L.  
MCHUGH, JEANNE H.  
MCKELVEY, KATHRYN E.  
MENDOZA, CHERYL  
METELLUS, SHAWNDA C.  
METZGER GILBERT,  
KIRSTEN M  
MIHALYI, MARY E  
MILES, ANGELA M  
MILLER, RALEEN A  
MILLER, SUSAN D.  
MILLS, LISA A  
MISRI, DANIELA F  
MOLLOY, MEGHAN M.  
MONAH, FAITH C.  
MONT, EUSEBIA V  
MOORE REVEL, DENISE  
MOORE, EVETTE R.  
MOORE, MEGAN C  
MORRIS, JODI L.  
MOSELEY, MARY JUNE  
MOSER, BROOKE



# WELCOME NEW LICENSEES!

(FOR 09-04-2009 THROUGH 10-12-2010)

MOTIKI, TANIA  
 MOULTON, YVONNE A.  
 NAHRA, MEREDITH G.  
 NEIMAN, MICHEAL R  
 NEY, KRISTI N  
 NIXON, KATRINA D.  
 NIXON, STEPHANIE M  
 NOVAK, ELIZABETH J  
 NYQUIST, LOUISE M  
 OMA, ROSE M.  
 ONYEWU, ADANNA  
 OWEN, KELLY F.  
 PALA, REBECCA M  
 PAYNE, JOAN C  
 PAYNE, KAY T  
 PECK, JULIA M.  
 PEJCIC, SNEZANA  
 PENSAK, MELANIE J.  
 PEOPLES, ELIZA J  
 PERAL, LINDSEY A  
 PERRY, DEBORAH  
 PETERSEN, LEAH C.  
 PETERS-JOHNSON,  
 CASSANDRA A.  
 PIEROTTI, ANN-MARI N  
 PITCHER, SARAH A  
 PITRE, NICOLE R  
 PIZANO, CECELIA  
 PLUME, MEGAN  
 POPANDREEVA, KRISTINA P  
 POPE, CHRISTINE A  
 POWELL, KIRSTEN T  
 POWELL-BROWN, LATARIO T  
 PUDUP, LAURALEE  
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## BOARD ORDERS

January 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010

There have been no reportable Board Actions against Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Licensees during this period.

## LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

Would you like to apply to serve on the DC Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology?

The following seats on the board are vacant:

- 1 Consumer
- 1 Otolaryngologist

Board members must work and live in the District of Columbia. To apply to serve (or to recommend someone), go online at [www.obc.dc.gov](http://www.obc.dc.gov) and download an application, or call the Office of Boards and Commissions at (202) 727-1372.

## EXPEDITE YOUR LICENSE

- Send in all your paperwork at the same time.
- Leave extra time for documents that may be more difficult to obtain or track down.
- Have agencies/universities send transcripts and letters of verification of licensure to you directly, and send them in UNOPENED, in their original mailing envelope.
- Submit official court documents of final case dispositions for any felonies or misdemeanors that you incurred (i.e., a defendant, in any state or country). Malpractice case dispositions should include a case number, jurisdiction, year, all the defendant names, all plaintiff names, a brief summary of the case, and final disposition, such as judgment dollar amount, dismissed with or without prejudice, or settlement dollar amount—this information must be sent with your application.
- Double check to make sure you have all your supporting documentation.
- Keep in mind that your license must be displayed where you work. You may need more than one copy of your license.
- Reread your application and be sure to have your entire application filled out and signed.
- To use HPLA's website to check and verify a license, go to: [www.hpla.doh.dc.gov](http://www.hpla.doh.dc.gov)

## VERIFICATION OF DC LICENSURE

Licensing authorities and some health facilities often require a letter of verification of the licenses you currently hold or have held in the past. These letters of verification are sometimes called "letters of good standing," even though your DC license may have expired. If the jurisdiction or institution to which you wish the letter sent gave you a form, simply forward the completed form, with a check or money order payable to "DC Treasurer" in the amount of thirty-four dollars (\$34.00) to:

DC Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology  
717 14th Street, NW  
Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20005

On the form, be sure to include your name and the address where the form is to be sent. If the jurisdiction or institution to which you wish the letter sent did not give you a form, send the payment referenced above and a short note requesting a letter of verification. The note should include your name and the name and address of where you want the letter of verification sent.

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To amend the District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985 to regulate the practice of audiology and speech-language pathology, to establish a Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, and to establish the minimum qualifications for licensure of audiologists and speech-language pathologists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Amendment Act of 2006”.

Sec. 2. The District of Columbia Health Occupations Revision Act of 1985, effective March 25, 1986 (D.C. Law 6-99; D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01 *et seq.*), is amended as follows:

(a) The table of contents is amended as follows:

(1) Add the phrase “Sec. 218. Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.” after the phrase “Sec. 217. Board of Marriage and Family Therapy.”.

(2) Add the following after “Sec. 832. Transition of licensed marriage and family therapists.”:

“TITLE VIII-B

“QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE TO PRACTICE AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY.

“Sec. 841. Qualifications For Licensure.”.

(b) Section 101(1) (D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.01(1)) is amended by adding the phrase “Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology,” after the phrase ““Board” means the”.

Amend  
§ 3-1201.01

(c) Section 102 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1201.02) is amended as follows:

(1) A new paragraph (2B) is added to read as follows:

Amend  
§ 3-1201.02

“(2B)(A) “Practice of audiology” means the planning, directing, supervising, and conducting of habilitative or rehabilitative counseling programs for individuals or groups of individuals who have, or are suspected of having, disorders of hearing; any service in audiology,

including prevention, identification, evaluation, consultation, habilitation or rehabilitation, instruction, and research; participating in hearing conservation, hearing aid and assistive listening device evaluation, selection, preparation, dispensing, and orientation; fabricating ear molds; providing auditory training and speech reading; or administering tests of vestibular function and tests for tinnitus. The practice of audiology includes speech and language screening limited to a pass-or-fail determination for the purpose of identification of individuals with disorders of communication. The practice of audiology does not include the practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine, or the performance of a task in the normal practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine by a person to whom the task is delegated by a licensed physician.

“(B) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as preventing or restricting the practice, services, or activities of a school audiologist employed by, and working in accordance with, the regulations of the District of Columbia Board of Education.”.

(2) A new paragraph (20) is added to read as follows:

“(20)(A) “Practice of speech-language pathology” means the application of principles, methods, or procedures related to the development and disorders of human communication, including any condition, whether of organic or non-organic origin, that impedes the normal process of human communication including disorders and related disorders of speech, articulation, fluency, voice, oral, or written language; auditory comprehension and processing; oral, pharyngeal or laryngeal sensorimotor competencies; swallowing; auditory or visual processing; auditory or visual memory or cognition; communication; and assisted augmentative communication treatment and devices.

“(B) The term practice of speech-language pathology also includes the planning, directing, supervising, and conducting of a habilitative and rehabilitative counseling program for individuals or groups of individuals who have, or are suspected of having, disorders of communication, and any service in speech-language pathology including prevention, identification, evaluation, consultation, habilitation or rehabilitation, instruction, or research.

“(C) The practice of speech-language pathology may include pure-tone air conduction hearing screening, screening tympanometry, and acoustic reflex screening, limited to a pass-or-fail determination for the identification of individuals with other disorders of communication and may also include aural habilitation or rehabilitation, which means the provision of services and procedures for facilitating adequate auditory, speech, and language skills in individuals with hearing impairment. The practice of speech-language pathology does not include the practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine, or the performance of a task in the normal practice of medicine or osteopathic medicine by a person to whom the task is delegated by a licensed physician.

“(D) Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as preventing or restricting the practice, services, or activities of a school speech-language pathologist working in accordance with the regulations of the District of Columbia Board of Education.”.

(d) A new section 218 is added to read as follows:

“Section 218. Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

“(a) There is established a Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, which shall consist of 7 members appointed by the Mayor.

“(b) The Board shall regulate the practice of audiology and speech-language pathology.

“(c) The Board shall administer the examination required for audiology and speech-language pathology licenses.

“(d) Of the members of the Board, 2 shall be practicing audiologists, 2 shall be practicing speech-language pathologists, one shall be a practicing Otolaryngologist, and 2 shall be consumer members with no direct affiliation with either the practice of audiology or the practice of speech-language pathology or other health profession. The professional members shall:

“(1) For audiology, at least 3 years preceding appointment, have been actively engaged as an audiologist in rendering professional services in audiology or in the education and training of masters, doctoral, or postdoctoral students of audiology in audiology research, and

for the 2 years preceding the appointment, have spent the majority of their time devoted to one of the activities listed in this paragraph.

“(2) For speech pathology, at least 3 years preceding the appointment, have been actively engaged as a speech-pathologist in rendering professional services in speech pathology or in the education and training of masters, doctoral, or postdoctoral students of speech pathology in speech-pathology research, and for the 2 years preceding the appointment, have spent the majority of their time devoted to one of the activities listed in this paragraph.

“(3) For otolaryngology, at least 3 years preceding the appointment, have been actively engaged as an otolaryngologist in rendering professional services in otolaryngology or in the education and training of masters, doctoral, or postdoctoral students of otolaryngology in otolaryngology research, and for the 2 years preceding the appointment have spent the majority of their time devoted to one of the activities listed in this paragraph.

“(e) Except as provided in subsection (g) of this section, members of the Board shall be appointed for terms of 4 years. No person may be appointed more than once to fill an unexpired term or more than 2 consecutive full terms.

“(f) The initial appointees, with the exception of the representatives of the general public and the Otolaryngologist, shall be deemed to be and shall become licensed audiologists and speech-language pathologists immediately upon their qualification and appointment as members of the Board.

“(g) Of the members initially appointed, 2 shall be appointed for 2 years, 2 shall be appointed for 3 years, and 3 members, including the chairperson, shall be appointed for 4 years.

“(h) The Mayor shall designate one Board member to serve as chairperson during the term of his or her appointment to the Board. No person may serve as chairperson for more than

4 years.”.

(e) Section 401(b)(2) (D.C. Official Code § 3-1204.01(b)(2)) is amended by striking the phrase “Professional Counseling,” and inserting the phrase “Professional Counseling, the audiologist and speech-language pathologist members initially appointed to the Board” in its place.

Amend  
§ 3-1204.01

(f) Section 501 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.01) is amended by striking the phrase “professional counseling,” and inserting the phrase “professional counseling, audiology, speech-language pathology,” in its place.

Amend  
§ 3-1205.01

(g) A new title VIII-B is added to read as follows:

“SUBCHAPTER VIII-B

“QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE TO PRACTICE AUDIOLOGY AND  
"SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY.

“Sec. 841. Qualifications for licensure.

“(a) The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology shall license as an audiologist a person who, in addition to meeting the requirements of Title V, has:

“(1) Graduated with a Master’s degree or a Doctoral degree in audiology from a recognized educational institution that incorporates the academic course work and minimum hours of supervised training required by the regulations adopted by the Board and whose audiology program is regionally accredited by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or an equivalent accrediting body;

“(2) Passed a qualifying examination given by the Board or from an accrediting body recognized by the Board; and

“(3) Completed a period of supervised postgraduate professional practice in audiology as specified by rulemaking issued by the Board.

“(b) The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology shall license as a speech-language pathologist a person who, in addition to meeting the requirements of Title V, has:

“(1) Graduated with a Master’s degree or Doctoral degree in speech-language pathology from a recognized educational institution that incorporates the academic course work and minimum hours of supervised training required by the regulations adopted by the Board and whose speech-language pathology program is regionally accredited by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association or an equivalent accrediting body;

“(2) Passed a qualifying examination given by the Board or from an accrediting body recognized by the Board; and

“(3) Completed a period of supervised postgraduate professional practice in speech-language pathology as specified by rulemaking issued by the Board.”

“(c) An audiology or speech-language pathology license shall be renewable every 2 years by the Board.”.

(h) Section 1003 (D.C. Official Code § 3-1210.03) is amended by adding a new subsection (z) to read as follows:

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§ 3-1210.03

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“(z) Unless authorized to practice audiology or speech-language pathology pursuant to this act, a person shall not advertise the performance of audiology or speech-language; use a title or description such as “audiological,” “audiologist,” “audiology,” “hearing clinic,” “hearing clinician,” “hearing or aural rehabilitation,” “hearing specialist,” “communication disorders,” “communicologist,” “language pathologist,” “logopedist,” “speech and language clinician,” “speech and language therapist,” “speech clinic,” “speech clinician,” “speech correction,” “speech correctionist,” “speech pathology,” “speech-language pathology,” “speech therapist,” or “speech therapy,” or any other name, style, or description denoting that the person is an audiologist or speech-language pathologist or practicing audiology or speech-language pathology.”.

**Sec. 3. Fiscal impact statement.**

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02 (c)(3)).

**Sec. 4. Effective date.**

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02 (c)(1)), and publication in the District of Columbia Register.

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Council of the District of Columbia

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Mayor  
District of Columbia

## FILING A COMPLAINT WITH THE BOARD

To file a complaint against a licensed Audiologist or Speech-Language Pathologist, simply write a letter that describes your complaint. **(Please note: You can print a complaint form from our website at [www.hpla.doh.dc.gov](http://www.hpla.doh.dc.gov))** The letter must be signed, and you should attach copies of any pertinent documents that you may have. The letter must also include your address, so we may contact you as necessary and notify you of any findings.

You should mail the complaint to:

DC Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology  
717 14th Street, NW  
Suite 600  
Washington, DC 20005

You can also fax the complaint to the Board at (202) 727-8471.

If your complaint alleges unlicensed activity, you should address your complaint to:

Supervisory Investigator  
717 14th Street, NW  
Suite 1000  
Washington, DC 20005

You can also fax your complaint about unlicensed activity to (202) 724-8677.

*Please be advised that the health professional licensing boards do not have jurisdiction over fee disputes, except for billing for services that were not provided. If you have a fee dispute with a health professional, you can seek redress through the civil courts.*



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