

**UNAPPROVED**

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY  
INFORMAL CONFERENCE  
MINUTES**

The Virginia Board of Audiology Speech-Language Pathology Credentials Committee convened for an informal conference on Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 200, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Training Room 2, Richmond, Virginia.

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sally Jones-McNamara, MA, SLP, Chair  
Angela W. Moss, MA, SLP  
Geoffrey T. Harter, MD

**DHP STAFF PRESENT:**

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director  
Mykl D. Egan, Adjudication Specialist  
Rashaun K. Minor, Discipline Operations Manager

**MATTER SCHEDULED**

**Respondent: Carmen Ana Ramos-Pizarro, PhD, Speech Language Pathologist Applicant  
Case Number: 116499**

**CALLED TO ORDER**

Ms. Jones-McNamara called the conference to order at 9:00 a.m.

**DISCUSSION**

Dr. Ramos-Pizarro appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with the Notice of the Board dated October 11, 2007.

The Committee fully discussed the process for licensure as a speech-language pathologist as outlined in the Notice with Dr. Ramos-Pizarro; specifically Dr. Ramos-Pizarro must demonstrate she has met the requirements of 18 VAC 30-20-170 of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology ("Regulations") for licensure.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Upon a motion by Ms. Moss and duly seconded by Dr. Harter, the Committee convened in a closed meeting pursuant to §2.2-3711.A (28) of the *Code of Virginia*, for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Dr. Ramos-Pizarro. Additionally, Ms. Moss moved that Ms. Hahn, Mr. Egan, and Ms. Minor attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The vote was unanimous and in favor of the motion.

**OPEN SESSION**

Ms. Moss certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of §2.2-3712 of the *Code of Virginia* and the Committee re-convened in open session.

**DECISION**

Ms. Egan read the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law adopted by the Committee. A summary of the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are as follows:

1. Dr. Ramos-Pizarro’s application for licensure to practice as a speech language pathologist in the Commonwealth of Virginia was received in the board office June 27, 2007.
2. Dr. Ramos-Pizarro failed to provide evidence of meeting 18 VAC 30-20-170 of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (“Regulations”) in that she has not been actively engaged in the profession.

The Committee hereby **ORDERS** the **DENIAL** of Dr. Ramos-Pizarro’s application for licensure to practice as a speech language pathologist at this time.

The Committee suggested that Dr. Ramos-Pizarro consider taking the PRAXIS examination and the earliest dates that the exam is being offered are November 17, 2007 and January 12, 2008; or obtain endorsement from the Department of Education and pursue employment in the public school system to acquire her full time work experience in the field of speech-language pathology; or provide evidence of 1500 hours of active practice in the past three consecutive years.

Upon a motion by Ms. Moss and duly seconded by Dr. Harter, the decision of the Committee was adopted. The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned the matter at 10:30 a.m.

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Susan G. Chadwick, Au.D, Chair

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Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director

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