

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
January 8, 2009**

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting of the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology was convened at 10:0 a.m. in Hearing Room 2, Department of Health Professions, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Angela W. Moss, MA, CCC-SLP, Chair
Mary Kay Wakefield, Board Member

STAFF PRESENT: Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director
Jeanette Meade, Acting Discipline Operations Manager
Kathy Truesdale, Compliance Case Manager
Mykl D. Egan, Adjudication Specialist

CONFERENCE SCHEDULED: **Darlene Saunders, Au.D., 2201-001085, Case No. 122470**
Ms. Saunders was present at the informal conference.

CLOSED MEETING: Ms. Wakefield moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology convene a closed meeting pursuant to Section §2.2-3711(A)(28) of the Code of Virginia at 11:15 a.m. for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Darlene Saunders, Au.D. Additionally, Ms. Wakefield moved that Ms. Hahn, Mr. Egan, Ms. Meade and Ms. Truesdale attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary, and would aide the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENTION: The Committee reconvened in open session at 11:40 a.m.
Ms. Wakefield moved that the Special Conference Committee of the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology certify that it heard, discussed or considered only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ACTION: Ms. Moss moved to have Mr. Egan read both the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law adopted by the Committee, and the decision adopted by the Committee. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Darlene Saunders, Au.D. must complete the following terms and conditions as outlined in her order. Ms. Saunders must provide proof of

completing continuing education hours that remained deficient in the years of 2006 and 2007. She must also provide the required 30 hours of continuing education for the 2008-2009 renewal years. She shall be audited for the renewal years of 2009 through 2011 and will be assessed a monetary penalty of \$2,500 however the monetary penalty is stayed upon compliance with the terms and conditions of the Board's Order.

As provided by law, this decision shall become a Final Order thirty days after service of such order on Ms. Saunders unless a written request to the Board for a formal hearing on the allegations made against her is received from Ms. Saunders within such time. If service of the order is made by mail, three additional days shall be added to that period. Upon such timely request for a formal hearing, the decision of this conference committee shall be vacated.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director
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Language Pathology