

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY  
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS  
BOARD ROOM 2  
HENRICO, VA  
JULY 1, 2024**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (“Board”) was convened on July 1, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Center, Board Room 2, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23233.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Laura Vencill, MS, CCC-SLP, Chairperson  
James Wells RPh, Committee Member
- STAFF PRESENT:** Heather Pote, Acting Deputy Executive Director  
Emily Tatum, Senior Adjudication Specialist,  
Administrative Proceedings Division
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Tamara Farmer, Sr. Licensing Specialist, Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Kiah Thompson, Speech-Language Pathologist Provisional License Applicant**  
**Case No. 235518**
- DISCUSSION:** Ms. Thompson appeared before the Committee by teleconference in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated May 21, 2024, to consider her application for a provisional license to practice as a Speech-Language Pathologist in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to determine if there is sufficient evidence that she has met the eligibility requirements for provisional licensure as a Speech-Language Pathologist in Virginia and is safe and competent to practice. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Ms. Thompson.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Mr. Wells moved that the Committee convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter regarding **Kiah Thompson, Provisional Speech-Language Pathologist Applicant**. Additionally, Mr.

Wells moved that Ms. Pote attend the closed meeting because her presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

**RECONVENE:**

Mr. Wells moved that the Committee 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.

The Committee reconvened in open session pursuant to § 2.2-3712(D) of the Code.

**DECISION:**

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Mr. Wells moved that the Committee deny the application for provisional licensure of Kiah Thompson to practice Speech-Language Pathology in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and that the basis for this decision will be set forth in a final Board order sent to Ms. Thompson. The motion was seconded and properly carried.

The hearing concluded at 10:22 a.m.



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Heather Pote, Acting Deputy Executive Director