VIRGINIA BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

TRAINING ROOM 2 HENRICO, VA March 15, 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 March 15, 2024, at 9:09 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 2nd Floor Conference Center, Training Room 2, 9960 Mayland Drive, Henrico,

Virginia 23233.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Wallace-Davis, OD, Chairperson

Jennifer Gay, MS, CCC-SLP, Committee Member

STAFF PRESENT: Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director

Heather Pote, Sr. Discipline Case Specialist

Anne Joseph, Adjudication Consultant, Administrative

Proceedings Division

OTHERS PRESENT: Holly Stewart

Staci Soper Katelin Clifton Kaitlyn Pace Tyler Pace Casey Lemons

MATTER SCHEDULED: Jana Hopper, Speech-Language Pathologist

Case No. 223988

DISCUSSION: Ms. Hopper appeared before the Committee in

accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated January 26, 2024, to inquire into allegations that she may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology in Virginia. Ms. Hopper was represented by counsel, Brittany Haddox, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Ms. Hopper.

CLOSED SESSION: Ms. Gay moved that the Committee convene a closed

meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3700(A)(16) of the Code for the purpose of consideration and discussion of medical records of Patients A through F that are excluded from the Freedom of Information Act by § 2.2-3705.5 of the Code. Additionally, Ms. Gay moved that Ms. Hopper, along with her attorney Brittany Haddox, Ms. Joseph, Ms. Moss, and Ms. Pote attend the meeting because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

RECONVENE:

Ms. Gay 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.

CLOSED SESSION:

Ms. Gay 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 **Jana Hopper**, **Speech-Language Pathologist**. Additionally, Ms. Gay moved that Ms. Moss 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:

Ms. Gay 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: Case No. 223988

Ms. Gay moved that the Committee issue a reprimand and a \$250.00 monetary penalty. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 3:32 p.m.

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director