

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS
TRAINING ROOM 2
HENRICO, VA
March 27, 2023**

- 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 27, 2023, at 9:07 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:** Corliss Booker, Ph.D., APRN, FNP-BC, 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:** Marcie Clifton
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** **Catherine Sprinkle, Speech-Language Pathologist
Case No. 223177**
- DISCUSSION:** Ms. Sprinkle appeared before the Committee in accordance with a Notice of Informal Conference dated February 23, 2023, 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. Sprinkle was represented by counsel, Nora Ciancio, Esq. and Andrew Miller, Esq. The Committee fully discussed the allegations contained in the Notice with Ms. Sprinkle.
- 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 Patient A that are excluded from the Freedom of Information Act by § 2.2-3705.5 of the Code. Additionally, Ms. Gay moved that Ms. Sprinkle, along with her attorneys Nora Ciancio and Andrew Miller, 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 **Catherine Sprinkle, Speech-Language Pathologist**. Additionally, Dr. 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:

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Ms. Gay moved that the Committee refer the matter to the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology, or a panel thereof, for a formal administrative hearing to be held pursuant to Virginia Code Sections § 2.2-4020 and § 2.2-4021. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 12:00 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelli Moss". The signature is fluid and connected, with a prominent loop at the end of the word "Moss".

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director