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YOUR MAILING ADDRESS

Changing your mailing address? Send your name, mailing address, and license number to:

Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
Processing Department
Address/Name Change
717 14th Street, NW
Suite 600
Washington, DC 20005

Letter from the Chair

Greetings from the District of Columbia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. We are pleased to serve the citizens of the District. The licensure requirement is a big change, but it is for the better.

Licensure is Important

Why is having a license important? Clearly, for the consumers, clients and patients, it brings peace of mind to know that a speech pathologist or audiologist's qualifications are being overseen by an outside body.

But what about for us, the professionals in the field? The short answer is: it's best practice. Many states, including neighboring Maryland and Virginia have licensure requirements for speech pathologists and audiologists. Having consistent regulations across the country and especially across the region ensures a certain degree of consistency in the quality of services provided.

Additionally, having licensure in DC elevates our professions to an appropriate level. We know that what we do requires education, training and skill: having a license acknowledges the rigor that is required to practice our chosen professions.

It was the Board's goal to make sure the licensure requirements are serious but not onerous. We spent a significant amount of time making the regulations as user friendly as possible, while still being appropriately rigorous. We also attempted, whenever possible, to draw from best practices of other jurisdictions.

We welcome your feedback and input at our meetings and hope that you will attend.

Thanks to Board Staff

A big thank you goes to the administrators and legal staff at the Department of Health who have helped the Board get underway. They are so diligent and helpful about their work with this new Board; they are true professionals.



Gabriele S. Nicolet, MA, CCC-SLP

The Board also wishes to thank Rend Al-Mondhiry of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), without whose help we would never have come this far!!

We Welcome Your Input

Please feel free to contact the Board with your concerns. You are invited to attend our monthly board meeting. The Board meets at 9 a.m., on the 3rd Monday of each month, at 717 14th Street, NW, 10th floor.

Gabriele S. Nicolet, MA, CCC-SLP
Chairperson
DC Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

Upcoming Board Meetings

DC Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

MEETS THE

**THIRD MONDAY
OF EVERY MONTH
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

at 717 14th St., NW
10th Floor
Washington, DC 20005

Time is allocated at each Board Meeting to allow the public an opportunity to speak to the Board. Please notify us in advance if you plan to attend a meeting by sending an email to fatima.abby@dc.gov.

INTERNATIONAL LICENSEES: Please be aware that § 466(a) (13) of the Social Security Act and D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.05(b) require that a Social Security number be placed on an application at the time a person applies for a license. A Tax ID number (beginning with a "9" and having a "7" as the 4th digit) issued by the Internal Revenue Service is not the same as a Social Security number that is issued by the Social Security Administration. If you do not have a Social Security number at the time of applying for a license you must submit a sworn statement, under penalty of perjury, stating that you do not have a Social Security number but have applied for one. If you submitted a Tax ID number to the Board and subsequently obtained a Social Security number but never informed the Board that you obtained a Social Security number—or you have never had a Social Security number—you are required to obtain a Social Security number and/or update your application with the number.

LICENSEES MUST PRACTICE UNDER NAME ON LICENSE

A notice of final rulemaking has been made regarding the name under which a health care professional may practice. Section 4016 of 17 DCMR Chapter 40, HEALTH OCCUPATIONS: GENERAL RULES states that "an individual holding a license, registration, or certification to practice a health occupation in the District of Columbia shall perform all professional practice in the District under the full name in which his or her license was issued." Section 4016 also specifies that all signage, stationary, and advertisements, as well as oral and written communication with the public must be in the same name as on one's license.

CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK COMING SOON FOR ALL NEW APPLICANTS FOR LICENSURE, REGISTRATION, OR CERTIFICATION

Licensed Health Professional Criminal Background Check Amendment Act of 2006
(D.C. Law 16-222, D.C. Official Code § 3-1205.22 et seq.)

Beginning November 1, 2009, a new applicant for a healthcare license, registration or certification will need a criminal background check as part of the licensure process. The new rules are set forth in Title 17 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulation Chapter 85. The cost will be fifty dollars (\$50) payable at the time the application is submitted. Applicants will need to start the process by going to the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department to have their fingerprints taken, or if applying from out-of-state, by obtaining a fingerprint card from HRLA and having their fingerprints taken at the local or state police agency. The criminal background check will take the FBI 48 hours to conduct. Adverse information will be reviewed by the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology for those professions falling under the Board to determine, together with all other information, whether an applicant should be licensed.

LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

Would you like to apply to serve on the DC Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology? The following seats on the board are vacant:

- 1 Consumer
- 1 Otolaryngologist

Board members must work and live in the District of Columbia. To apply to serve (or to recommend someone), go online at www.obc.dc.gov and download an application, or call the Office of Boards and Commissions at (202) 727-1372.

DO YOU KNOW?

YOU MUST DISPLAY YOUR LICENSE WHERE YOU PRACTICE.

YOU MUST PRACTICE UNDER THE NAME ON YOUR LICENSE.

YOU MUST RENEW YOUR LICENSE EVERY TWO YEARS.

NOT PRACTICING? YOU MAY OPT FOR PAID INACTIVE (SEE PAGE 7).



Kathy Hosty, MA, CCC-SLP

MEET BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY MEMBER KATHY HOSTY, MA, CCC-SLP

"A current challenge for the Board is to get the word out to prospective licensees regarding the licensing requirements and to make the application process as friendly and accessible as possible."

When were you appointed to serve on the Board of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology?

I was appointed to the Board in September of 2008 in a formal ceremony at the District Building along with Gabriele Nicolet. I have a private practice in Northwest Washington DC called Metropolitan Speech Pathology Group and have practiced in DC since the mid-1970s.

Why and how did you first get involved with the Board? What sparked your interest in serving as a Board member?

I was first interested in DC licensing issue in the 1970s during my term as President of DC Speech and Hearing Association, and have followed this lengthy journey since. I thought it would be an interesting time

to serve on the Board, as it was writing the regulations and organizing the start up process of licensing. I also was interested in bringing the private practice perspective to the Board.

Is there any aspect of your service as a Board member thus far that has surprised you (or has the experience been what you expected it to be)?

Since my term began, almost a year ago, I have been most surprised and impressed with the support services available to the Board from the District of Columbia. The Board staff is remarkable, and their support and institutional knowledge has been crucial for the regulation writing. Tonia Bair, Assistant Attorney General, has been at every meeting, bringing her experience and expertise to the table. Her contributions and guidance

have been significant and critical to our ability to move the regulations forward. In addition, we have benefited greatly from the support and presence of Rend Al-Mondhiry, Director of State Legislative & Regulatory Advocacy from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. She has served as an advisor and consultant every step of the way. She has put in many hours with us and her guidance has been invaluable. She quickly produces research, common practices in other states, and does so with alacrity and grace.

What challenges lay ahead for the Board?

A current challenge for the Board is to get the word out to prospective licensees regarding the licensing requirements and to make the application process as friendly and accessible as

possible. Toward that end, the Board members will meet with the DC Speech and Hearing Association on the evening of September 14, 2009 to clarify the process and answer any questions. Initial response to the application process and its requirements have been somewhat problematic and it will be our challenge to streamline the process and advise prospective applicants of the reasoning behind some of the less transparent requirements. Applications have begun to come in and applicants are finding that the process is not as burdensome as it initially appeared.

Another challenge for the Board is the timeline for licensing speech language pathology and audiology providers in the District. Since the licensure process began, the board has been receiving a large number of applications for licensure each month.

The licensure requirement is in effect. If you have not submitted your application, the Board urges you to do so immediately.

For an application package, go online at www.hpla.doh.dc.gov.



Raul Echevarria

MEET BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY CONSUMER MEMBER RAUL ECHEVARRIA

"In my career as a teacher, and as an attorney, I have been able to see how the interplay between the law and the community takes place. This has allowed me to come onto the Board with a perspective that includes both an understanding of the law and how the law works, and an understanding of how these laws affect our citizens."

When were you appointed to serve on the Board of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology?

I was appointed to the Board in February of 2009.

Why and how did you first get involved with the Board? What sparked your interest in serving as a Board member?

I am a teacher, the Director of a language school for children. We teach Spanish, French, Mandarin and Portuguese. Sometimes, I encounter students who may need speech and language services.

I met Board Chairperson Gabriele Nicolet because each of our sons attend the same school. I know of her work as an SLP and have referred students to her in the past. We were having a conversation and she informed me of the formation of this new Board, and I felt that I wanted to be a part of an effort like this, to ensure that quality services are provided to the people of the District.

Is there any aspect of your service as a Board member thus far that has surprised you (or has the experience been what you expected it to be)?

So far the most surprising thing I have learned is how different one state can be from another state—in terms of the requirements for licensure in the fields of SLP and Audiology.

During your tenure as a member, what has been the greatest accomplishment of the Board?

The creation of the regulations with regard to licensure has been quite an accomplishment. It has taken many hours of work and a lot of collaboration from board members, community organizations, and other District government personnel to [craft] these regulations, and everyone has come together to make sure that these are as helpful and effective as

they can possibly be.

What knowledge or skills have you developed as a Board member that you had not developed before?

Before I became a teacher, I was an attorney, and this experience has put me in touch with those [legal] skills that I had put on the back burner.

What would you say to a licensee or consumer who is thinking about applying to serve on the Board?

I would say that it is a great experience and that it's a good way to serve the District of Columbia and to have a positive impact on the lives of our residents. I would certainly recommend serving on the Board.

What advice would you give to licensees regarding their relationship with the Board or the Health Professional Licensing Administration?

Keep on top of the licensing process and keep the lines of communication open with the Board to make sure that we make the adjustments that are required to continue to serve the District effectively. Your input is important.

You have had an interesting career path. How do you think your life experiences have enabled you to become an effective Board member?

In my career as a teacher and as an attorney, I have been able to see how the interplay between the law and the community takes place. This has allowed me to come onto the Board with a perspective that includes both an understanding of the law and how the law works, and an understanding of how these laws affect our citizens.

Teachers are normally the first people to take note of a potential problem that may require the services of an SLP or an Audiologist.

A SECOND CONSUMER MEMBER NEEDED: APPLICATIONS ONLINE AT WWW.OBC.DC.GOV.



Stephanie Marshall, MS, CCC-A

MEET BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY MEMBER STEPHANIE MARSHALL, MS, CCC-A

"Because the District is such a transient city, many of our professionals 'come and go' often. As a Board, this will impact our work — we must be diligent about performing our board functions in a timely manner and vigilant in informing professionals that licensure, and compliance with District law, is mandatory."

When were you appointed to serve on the Board of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology?

I was appointed to the Board in April of 2009.

Why and how did you first get involved with the Board? What sparked your interest in serving as a Board member?

I became involved several years ago, during the initial development of the legislation to create the District's Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

I was contacted by the leadership of the District of Columbia Speech-Language-Hearing Association (DCSHA), and was asked to assist in reviewing and modifying the [proposed] regulations. DCSHA advocated the licensing of practitioners, and several professionals in the District were contacted to provide consultation and technical support.

What issues, related to the regulation of your profession, interest you most?

Making sure that the protection of our consumers is considered during our Board discussion, as well as being mindful of the issues that affect our professionals, and the perspective of our licensees.

Is there any aspect of your service as a Board member thus far that has surprised you (or has the experience been what you expected it to be)?

I think what has surprised me most has been the challenge that some professionals have had accepting the new licensure requirement in the District.

The District is one of the final jurisdictions to require licensure for Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists. It is still quite an adjustment for our professionals here.

What challenges lay ahead for the Board?

One of our primary areas to focus upon will be helping our professionals understand both the reasons and benefits of licensure, and the Board's role in protecting the public.

Is there anything about the District of Columbia or the DC population that poses a unique challenge to your profession?

Because the District is such a transient city, many of our professionals come and go often. As a Board, this will impact our work — we must be diligent about performing our board functions in a timely manner and vigilant in informing professionals that licensure, and compliance with District law, is mandatory.

What future goals do you have as a Board member?

Our most important goals are to protect consumers in the District, and to inform our professionals about the requirements of licensure to help ensure best practices.

Are there issues regarding your profession that pose special challenges for establishing regulations?

The profession of audiology is guided by many organizations, and each has its own policies and procedures. Our Board will be cognizant of that as we engage in our board functions and make decisions regarding licensure.

What unique perspective do you bring to the board?

Not only do I reside and work in the District of Columbia, I am a native Washingtonian. I was born and raised here and care deeply about our citizens, as well as what happens in DC.

Any message you would like to convey to your board's licensees?

We look forward to accepting and welcoming new licensees in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology within the District of Columbia.



Diane Brewer, MA, CCC-A

MEET BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY MEMBER DIANE BREWER, MA, CCC-A

"The Board has worked very hard to develop consistent procedures for implementation of the licensure regulation. For this initial licensing cycle, licensees will need to put forth a good deal of effort to collect all of the documentation required. Happily, this is a one-time effort."

When were you appointed to serve on the Board of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology?

I was sworn in as a Board member by Mayor Fenty in February of 2009.

Why and how did you first get involved with the Board? What sparked your interest in serving as a Board member?

For many years I served on the Licensure Committee of the District of Columbia Speech and Hearing Association, working toward getting licensure in DC. Since the passage of the regulation, I have worked on the

implementation procedures.

Is there any aspect of your service as a Board member thus far that has surprised you (or has the experience been what you expected it to be)?

Although this is something I have learned again and again, the implementation of any new program is much more complex than it at first appears. The amount of time, thinking, discussion and rethinking needed to set up a procedure is much greater than one would expect. It has been interesting to work on and a pleasure to participate with a team of committed people both on the Board and the HPLA staff.

What challenges lay ahead for the Board?

The review and approval of the large number of first-time applicants in a short period of time will be intense.

What future goals do you have as a Board member?

To be certain that all those who practice audiology and/or speech pathology are duly authorized to do so. The people of the District of Columbia should be able to receive services from persons who are qualified to provide them.

What unique perspective do you bring to the board?

I have worked and lived

in the District of Columbia throughout my professional career. I am committed to having DC residents have the same protections as are enjoyed in other states.

Any message you would like to convey to your board's licensees?

The Board has worked very hard to develop consistent procedures for implementation of the licensure regulation. For this initial licensing cycle, licensees will need to put forth a good deal of effort to collect all of the documentation required. Happily, this is a one-time effort.

What is the Health Professional Licensing Administration?

The Health Professional Licensing Administration (HPLA) serves as the agency that administers the licensure of almost 50,000 health professionals in the District of Columbia. HPLA also responds to consumer and incidents and/or complaints against health professionals, and conducts investigations if indicated. If necessary, HPLA can take enforcement actions to compel health professionals to come into compliance with District and Federal law. HPLA advises the health occupation boards and Department of Health in matters pertaining to the development of rules and regulations for health professionals. HPLA also provides additional services including licensure verification services, and licensure examinations. Health professionals include: Acupuncturists, Addiction Counselors, Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists, Chiropractors, Dance Therapists, Dental Assistants, Dietitians, Massage Therapists, Naturopaths, Nurses, Nursing Home Administrators, Occupational Therapists, Optometrists, Pharmacists, Physician Assistants, Physicians, Podiatrists, Psychologists, Respiratory Care Practitioners, and Social Workers.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do Graduate Students need to be licensed?

No. Graduate students practice under direct supervision of a qualified supervisor.

If I am a supervisor with a Maryland or Virginia license, and I supervise a student in the District, do I need a DC license?

Yes. Anyone who supervises a student in the District of Columbia must have a DC license.

Can I continue to practice in DC with my Maryland or Virginia license?

No. You must have a DC license to practice speech language pathology or audiology (see Exceptions, below).

Is my licensure fee tax deductible?

Your fee may be tax deductible. Talk to your tax advisor for more information.

If I do not have a Master's Degree, can I practice as a speech language pathologist or audiologist?

No. The minimum education requirement to practice speech language pathology or audiology is a Master's Degree. You must have a Master's Degree in order to obtain a license.

Why is a photo required?

Your wallet license card has your photo on it.

PAID INACTIVE STATUS

If you intend to retire your license, or if you would like to place your license on Inactive Status, you must explicitly inform the Board of your intention before the renewal date expires. If you fail to pay renewal fees on time, your license is not inactive; it is delinquent (expired). It is unlawful to practice as an Audiologist or Speech-Language Pathologist while your license is delinquent/expired.

PAID INACTIVE FEE:	\$179 (one-time fee)
TIME LIMITATION:	UNLIMITED
FEE TO REACTIVATE YOUR LICENSE:	\$ 34
CONTINUING EDUCATION (CEUs):	Licensees on Paid Inactive status must continue to meet the continuing education requirements; CEUs must be presented to the Board when applying for licensure reactivation.

Contact HPLA Customer Service at 1 (877) 672-2174, or Ms. Fatima Abby at: (202) 724-8826 for further information.

LICENSURE EXEMPTIONS

DCPS: Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists who are employed by the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) and work only within DCPS are EXEMPT from the licensure process. However,

If you see clients privately, outside of DCPS, you must obtain a license.

If you work for a charter school, you must obtain a license. Charter School employees must be licensed.

Federal Government: Federal Government employees who are employed directly by and work only for the federal government, are EXEMPT from licensure.

EXPEDITE YOUR LICENSE

- Send in all your paperwork at the same time.
- Leave extra time for documents that may be more difficult to obtain or track down.
- Have agencies/universities send transcripts and letters of verification of licensure to you directly, and send them in UNOPENED, in their original mailing envelope.
- Submit official court documents of final case dispositions for any felonies or misdemeanors that you incurred (i.e., a defendant, in any state or country). Malpractice case dispositions should include a case number, jurisdiction, year, all the defendant names, all plaintiff names, a brief summary of the case, and final disposition, such as judgment dollar amount, dismissed with or without prejudice, or settlement dollar amount—this information must be sent with your application.
- Double check to make sure you have all your supporting documentation.
- Keep in mind that your license must be displayed where you work. You may need more than one copy of your license.
- Reread your application and be sure to have your entire application filled out and signed.
- To use HPLA's website to check and verify a license, go to: www.hpla.doh.dc.gov

UNLICENSED PRACTITIONERS BEWARE!

“PSYCHOLOGIST” SENTENCED FOR PRACTICING WITHOUT A LICENSE

On December 6, 2007, then District of Columbia Attorney General Linda Singer announced that a jury had found D.C. resident Geoffrey Wuzor guilty of practicing psychology without a license.

The defendant, who was sentenced on November 30, worked at a “core service agency” certified by the D.C. Department of Mental Health. The core service agency reported and terminated Wuzor as soon as it learned that he had

no such license. While Wuzor did some 30 hours of graduate work at Howard University, he obtained no degree that would qualify him for a license to practice psychology. He did obtain a “doctorate degree” in Theocentric Psychology from an online program offered by LaSalle University in Louisiana; LaSalle is not an accredited entity recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

“A license is not just a piece of paper, but an assurance that those who hold themselves out to

the public have the training and skill to provide the care they promise,” (now former) Attorney General Singer said. “Our licensing requirements are serious and are put into place to safeguard the public. I am particularly concerned that Wuzor worked with children.”

The sentence included jail time of 30 days on the nine counts of practicing without a license, with execution of the sentence suspended except for 12 days to be served on weekends starting December 7, 2007, and 30 days on the seven counts of

misrepresenting himself as a psychologist, with execution of sentence suspended. Wuzor additionally was placed on probation for 18 months thereafter and ordered to perform 100 hours of community service within the first year. He also was ordered to pay a fine of \$800 for each of the 16 counts. The judge stated that the jail time was in part for its deterrent value. The case was handled by Senior Assistant Attorney General Maureen Zaniel.

BOARD-RELATED TERMS THAT LICENSEES SHOULD KNOW

CONSENT ORDER: A voluntary agreement entered into by a board and a respondent (person disciplined) in lieu of hearing for violation of the HORA. A Consent Order may or may not be reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO DISCIPLINE (OR DENY): A document requested by a board and prepared by the Office of the Attorney General which places a licensee on notice that he or she is being charged with violating one or more of the health profession laws as outlined in Title 3 Chapter 12 of the D.C. Code. It may also indicate violation of District regulations as found in Title 17 of the District Register, and/or federal law. It will give a summary of the facts which serve as the basis for the violations. The document also contains information about how to request a hearing. The disciplinary action (if any) from a “Notice” is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

SUMMARY SUSPENSION: A document requested by the Administrator of the Health Regulations Licensing Administration (not a Board) that is prepared by the Office of the Attorney General. The purpose of the document is to immediately terminate the right of a person to practice a health profession because the Administrator believes that the person poses an imminent danger, because of his or her misconduct, to the health and safety of the residents of the District of Columbia or its visitors and guests. The “Suspension” informs the person that he or she must request a hearing within 72 hours and is entitled to a hearing within 72 hours – provided that the beginning and ending period for the 72 hours does not fall on a weekend or holiday in which case it is carried over to the next business day. Failure to request a hearing within the 72 hours results in the suspension remaining in place until it is lifted by the board having jurisdiction over the licensee. A Summary Suspension is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER: A Cease and Desist order is a document requested by the Administrator and prepared by the Office of the Attorney General. It is served on a person whom the Administrator believes may cause immediate and irreparable harm. Unlike a Summary Suspension, it is usually served on persons who are engaging in a health profession while not being licensed, registered, or certified. The person receiving the Cease and Desist must request a hearing within 10 days and is entitled to a hearing within 10 days. If the hearing isn’t requested, the Cease and Desist remains in effect. If the person continues to be engaged in the activity after being served a Cease and Desist, the Administrator may ask the Office of the Attorney General to seek a criminal prosecution to enjoin the activity.

THE NATIONAL PRACTITIONER DATA BANK: A database mandated by federal law and maintained by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the purposes of warehousing disciplinary actions taken by states against health professionals. Each licensing board is required to report to the Data Bank each and every formal disciplinary action taken against a licensee, registrant, or holder of a certification.

VERIFICATION OF LICENSURE

Licensing authorities and some health facilities often require a letter of verification of the licenses you currently hold or have held in the past. These letters of verification are sometimes called “letters of good standing,” even though your DC license may have expired. If the jurisdiction or institution to which you wish the letter sent gave you a form, simply forward the completed form, with a check or money order payable to “DC Treasurer” in the amount of thirty-four dollars (\$34.00) to:

DC Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
717 14th Street, NW
Suite 600
Washington, DC 20005

On the form, be sure to include your name and the address where the form is to be sent. If the jurisdiction or institution to which you wish the letter sent did not give you a form, send the payment referenced above and a short note requesting a letter of verification. The note should include your name and the name and address of where you want the letter of verification sent.

WHEN YOU MOVE OR CHANGE YOUR NAME

PLEASE INFORM THE BOARD

All name and address changes must be submitted in writing to our office **within 30 days of the change**. Please include your name, address, Social Security number, and license number if you know it. If you have a name change, you must also enclose a copy of your certificate of marriage, divorce decree, or court order that authorizes the change.

Fax your request to (202) 727-8471 or mail your name and address change to:

DC Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
Address/Name Change
717 14th Street, NW, Suite 600
Washington, DC 20005

BOARD ORDERS

January 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009

There have been no reportable Board Actions against
Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Licensees during this period.

FILING A COMPLAINT WITH THE BOARD

To file a complaint against a licensed Audiologist or Speech-Language Pathologist, simply write a letter that describes your complaint. The letter must be signed, and you should attach copies of any pertinent documents that you may have.

The letter must also include your address, so we may contact you as necessary and notify you of any findings.

You should mail the complaint to:

DC Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology
717 14th Street, NW
Suite 600
Washington, DC 20005

You can also fax the complaint to the Board at (202) 727-8471.

If your complaint alleges unlicensed activity, you should address your complaint to:

Supervisory Investigator
717 14th Street, NW
Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20005

You can also fax your complaint about unlicensed activity to (202) 724-8677.

PLEASE NOTE: You can print a complaint form from our website at www.hpla.doh.dc.gov

Please be advised that the health professional licensing boards do not have jurisdiction over fee disputes, except for billing for services that were not provided. If you have a fee dispute with a health professional, you can seek redress through the civil courts.

WELCOME NEW LICENSEES!

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

MICHAEL J. BAMDAD
 CHRISTINE R. BARON
 DEBORAH W. BAUMEL
 SHELLEY N. BRUNDAGE
 MONICA CHYNN
 JANICE M. COLES
 CANDACE E. COOK
 YVONNE S. CROOKS
 PATRICIA P. FLETCHER
 DENISE J. FRANKOFF
 ILANA B. FRIEDMAN
 AMY C. GEORGEADIS
 SUSAN C. GLEASON
 EILEEN T. HALEY
 ADRIENNE B. HANCOCK
 MARSHA R. HARRIS
 APRIL D. HOLMES
 KATHLEEN A. HOSTY
 LESLIE W. HUMES
 LINDA T. JOPLING
 MAURA A. LEVIN
 KRISTIN E. LILLY
 ROBYN M. MANDELBAUM
 JULIE M. MCCAY
 GABRIELE S. NICOLET
 CRYSTAL D. PAYNE
 COLLEEN M. PRZYBYLA
 PAUL R. RAO

SUZANNE C. REDMOND
 MELISSA RICHMAN
 STEPHANIE A. RICKE
 ALEJANDRO RIESCO
 CHRISTOPHER R. RITTHALER
 RICHARD M. ROBINSON
 HOLLY E. ROSENSWEIG
 KARENNA M. ROWENHORST
 SUZANNE N. SEXTON
 MELISSA S. SHAPIRO
 BROWNRIGG J. SNOW
 RITA A. SOLORZANO
 SUSANNE STEVENSON
 SHEELA L. STUART
 MIGUELINA ZAPATA

AUDIOLOGY

DIANE M. BREWER
 VENITA DZIME-ASSISON
 LINDA JACOBS-CONDIT
 JOAN H. LACOSS
 JENNIFER L. LITTLE
 STEPHANIE S. MARSHALL
 MELANIE MORIARTY
 VALERIE L. NEWMAN
 LISA A. SARGENT
 KRISTEN D. SEIDEL
 CHRISTINE R. SLEGER
 KAY L. WISE

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

You are cordially invited to attend an Open Session of the monthly meeting of the DC Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology.

The Board meets at 9:00 am on the third Monday of every month.

To RSVP and confirm date and time, please contact Board Health Licensing Specialist Fatima Abby at (202) 724-8826 or via email at fatima.abby@dc.gov.

DO YOU HAVE
 A QUESTION
 OR CONCERN?
 CALL THE
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