

**BEFORE THE STATE BOARD EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

In the Matter of:

SARAH H. WATERS

Respondent.

CONSENT ORDER

By agreement of the State Board of Speech-Language and Audiology of South Carolina (the Board) and the above-named Respondent, the following disposition of this matter is entered pursuant to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. §1-23-320(f) (Supp. 2000) of the South Carolina Administrative Procedures Act:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent admits that the Board has jurisdiction over this her license and the matters asserted herein.
2. Respondent admits that she provided speech pathology services to patients without being licensed as a speech pathologist from July 12, 2000 to January 25, 2001.
3. Respondent admits that her conduct above violates S.C. Code Ann. Section 40-37-30; 40-67-110(1) and (11)(Supp. 1999) and S.C. Reg. No. 115-7, Principle 2, Rule 2(f)(Supp. 1999).
4. Respondent waives any further findings of fact with respect to this matter.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent admits that the conduct in this matter constitutes sufficient grounds for disciplinary or corrective action under Section 40-67-120 through 180 and 40-67-130 of the South Carolina Code (Supp. 2000), as amended. Respondent hereby waives any further conclusions of law with respect to this matter.
2. Respondent has full knowledge that she has the right to a hearing and to be represented by counsel in this matter, and freely, knowingly, and voluntarily waives such rights by entering into this Consent Order. Respondent understands and agrees that by entering into this Consent Order, she voluntarily relinquishes any right to judicial review of Board action(s) which may be taken concerning any related matters. Respondent understands and agrees that this Consent Order will not become effective unless and until approved by the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that a representative of the General Counsel's Office may be present during presentation of this Consent Order to the Board. Respondent understands and agrees that if this Consent Order is not approved, shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the right of the Board to adjudicate this matter.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED WITH RESPONDENT'S CONSENT THAT:

1. Respondent is hereby publicly reprimanded.

2. Respondent shall pay a fine of eight-hundred dollars (\$800.00) within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this agreement. Said fine shall not be deemed paid until received by the Board. Failure to pay within the prescribed thirty (30) day period shall be considered a violation of this Consent Order.
3. Within one (1) year of the date of this order, the Respondent must attend and complete, at her own expense, a Board approved continuing educational course relating to the Board's Practice Act and Regulations. The Respondent must provide the Board with written proof of compliance within fifteen (15) days after completing this requirement.
4. Failure by Respondent to comply with any of the provisions of this Consent Order may result in the denial of Respondent's application for licensure to practice until such time as full compliance has been made.
5. Respondent shall cooperate with the Board, its attorneys, investigators, and other representatives in the investigation of Respondent's practice and compliance with the provisions of this Consent Order. Respondent may be required to furnish the Board with additional information as may be deemed necessary by the Board or its representatives. In addition to such requests, the Board in its discretion may require Respondent to submit further documentation regarding Respondent's practice, and it is Respondent's responsibility to fully comply with all reasonable requests in a timely fashion. Failure to reasonably comply with such requests will be deemed a violation of this Consent Order.
6. This Consent Order shall take effect immediately upon receipt by Respondent or her counsel.
7. Respondent's application for licensure shall be approved upon submission of this document subject to approval of the full Board. Respondent must further meet all statutory requirements for licensure.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

STATE BOARD OF STATE BOARD OF
SPEECH-LANGUAGE AND AUDIOLOGY
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Effective 7-19, 2001.

Martha Simpson McDeale
MARTHA SIMPSON McDADE
Chairperson

WE CONSENT:

Sarah H. Waters
SARAH H. WATERS
RESPONDENT

6-24-01
Date

WITNESS OR ATTORNEY

Date