

IN THE MATTER OF

AUSTIN KENNETH WHITE, S.L.P.

License No. 07755

Case Number AHS-09-2019

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**BEFORE THE MARYLAND
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING
AID DISPENSERS & SPEECH-
LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS**

**ORDER CONTINUING SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF
LICENSE TO PRACTICE SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**

On March 7, 2019, the Maryland Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists (the "Board") issued an "Order for Summary Suspension of License to Practice Speech-Language Pathology" against the license of Austin Kenneth White (the "Respondent") to practice speech-language pathology in the State of Maryland. On April 18, 2019, the Board held a show cause hearing to give the Respondent an opportunity to present argument as to why the Board should not continue the summary suspension of the Respondent's license. The Respondent attended the hearing. The State was represented by Karen Malinowski, Administrative Prosecutor. After considering the presentations at the show cause hearing, the Board determined that it would continue the summary suspension of the Respondent's license to practice as a speech-language pathologist. The Board concluded that the arguments submitted and the Responses to the Board's questions did not significantly change the Board's findings or conclusions regarding the danger to the public that would be posed by the Respondent practicing speech-language pathology at this time.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires continued emergency action in this case under Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, it is hereby:


ORDERED that the **SUMMARY SUSPENSION** of the Respondent's license to practice as a speech-language pathologist is hereby **CONTINUED**; and it is further

ORDERED that, as soon as practicable, the Respondent be given an opportunity for a full evidentiary hearing before the Board on the summary suspension and disciplinary charges alleging violations of the Maryland Audiology, Hearing Aid Dispensing, and Speech-Language Pathology Act; and it is further

ORDERED if the Respondent wishes to have a full evidentiary hearing before the Board on the summary suspension and disciplinary charges, the Respondent must submit to the Board a written request for a hearing within **THIRTY (30) DAYS** of the date of this Order; and it is further **ORDERED** that if the Respondent does not request a hearing in writing within 30 days of the date of this Order, the Respondent will have waived the opportunity for a hearing, and the Board may, in its discretion, issue a public Final Decision and Order by default, in which: (1) the summary suspension is affirmed; (2) the allegations of fact in the Board's disciplinary charges are adopted as findings of fact; (3) the disciplinary grounds that the Board has alleged that the Respondent has violated in the Board's disciplinary charges become conclusions of law; and (4) a disciplinary sanction is imposed, which may include reprimand, probation, suspension, revocation and/or monetary fine; and it is further

ORDERED that this is a Final Decision and Order of the Maryland Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists and as such is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Maryland Code Ann., General Provisions §§ 4-101 *et seq.*

5/21/19
Date



Jennifer Mertes, Au.D., Chair
Maryland Board of Examiners for Audiologists,
Hearing Aid Examiners, and Speech-Language Pathologists