

Maryland

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists & Music Therapists

**IN THE MATTER OF
ANNE HASTING**

License Number: 06143

Case: AHSM-08-2024

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

PRE-CHARGE CONSENT ORDER OF SUSPENSION

BACKGROUND

On April 23, 2024 the Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists and Music Therapists (the "Board") received a complaint that licensee Anne Hasting (the "Respondent") was practicing speech-language pathology without a valid license.

The Board referred the matter to its Disciplinary Committee for investigation and a possible resolution.

The Respondent and the Board subsequently agreed to the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds that:

1. The Board issued the Respondent License No.: 06143 to practice Speech-Language Pathology in the State of Maryland on September 23, 2009,
2. The Respondent operated Blue Jellyfish Speech & Language Services located in Columbia, Maryland,
3. The Respondent's license expired in May 2023,
4. The Respondent did not renew her license after the May 2023 expiration,
5. The Respondent continued to practice speech-language pathology between May 2023 and February 2024 without a valid license,
6. The Respondent treated sixty-three (63) patients while unlicensed.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Maryland Annotated Code Health Occupations ("Md. Code Ann. H.O.") §2-301(a)(1) ("License requirements, generally") states that:

"Except as otherwise provided in this title, an individual **shall** be licensed by the Board before the individual may practice...speech-language pathology...in this State." (*emphasis added*)

By continuing to practice speech-language pathology without a valid license the Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to H.O. §2-314 which states that the Board may suspend or revoke a license if the licensee commits any of the following actions:

"(12) Violates any provision of this title"

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent's license to practice speech-language pathology, Lic. No.: 05094, is **SUSPENDED FOR A MINIMUM OF ONE (1) YEAR**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent's license to practice speech-language pathology will be marked as **SUSPENDED** on the Board's website while the suspension is active; and it is further

ORDERED that Respondent's license, Lic. No.: 06143, will be placed on Probation for a **minimum period of THREE (3) years** when the Suspension is lifted; and it is further

ORDERED that while the Respondent is on Probation, the Respondent's license to practice speech-language pathology will be marked as on **PROBATION** on the Board's website during the probationary period; and it is further

ORDERED that as a condition of Probation the Respondent is required to disclose the existence of this Order to any employer and provide proof of disclosure to the Board, and it is further

ORDERED that as a condition of Probation the Respondent may not supervise students while on Probation; and it is further

ORDERED that as a condition of Probation Respondent shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of hearing aid dispensing in Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent is responsible for the cost of compliance with this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Respondent violates any terms of the Order, the Board, in its discretion, after notice and an opportunity to for an evidentiary hearing before the Board, if there is a genuine dispute as to a material fact, or an opportunity for a show cause hearing before the Board, may impose **any other disciplinary sanction which the Board is statutorily authorized to impose in this case under H.O. §2-314**, including a reprimand, probation, suspension or revocation, and/or additional monetary fine, said violation being proven by a preponderance of the evidence; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent may petition to lift the Suspension in this Order **no earlier than ONE (1) YEAR and ONE (1) DAY from the effective date of of this Order** and that the Board shall have sole discretion to lift the Suspension in this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent **must** be evaluated pursuant to Health Occupations §2-205.1 within **TEN (10) days** of petitioning the Board to lift the Suspension in this Order and that the Board shall have sole discretion to lift the Suspension in this Order; and it is further

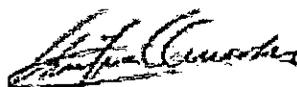
ORDERED that the Respondent may petition to lift the Probation in this Order **no earlier than THREE (3) YEARS and ONE (1) DAY from the day the Board agrees to lift the suspension in this Order** and that the Board shall have sole discretion to lift the Probation in this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent **must** be evaluated pursuant to Health Occupations §2-205.1 within **TEN (10) days** of petitioning the Board to lift the Probation in this Order; and it is further

ORDERED that this is a Final Decision and Order of the Board and, as such, is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Maryland Code Annotated, General Provisions Article 4-101 *et. seq.*

1/30/25

Date



Dr. Arifa Qureshi, Au.D., CCC-A, Board Chair

CONSENT

By this Consent, I acknowledge that I have read this Consent Order in its entirety and I hereby admit the truth of the Findings of Fact, and accept and submit to the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions. I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to legal counsel authorized to practice law in Maryland, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to request subpoenas for witnesses, to call witnesses on my own behalf, to introduce testimony and evidence on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law. I waive these rights, as well as any appeal rights under Maryland Code Annotated, State Government Article § 10-222.

I sign this Consent Order after having an opportunity to consult with an attorney, voluntarily and without reservation, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning, terms, and effect of this Consent Order.

2/6/25
Date


_____, License # 06143

NOTARIZATION

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY of Columbia/Howard

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 6 day of February, 2025, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, ANNE HASTING personally appeared, and declared and affirmed under penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

Tiahara J. Bennett
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: January 13, 2026

