



**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS**

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The Honorable Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State
PO Box 29622
Raleigh, NC 27626-0622

Dear Secretary Marshall:

I am writing to report for the year ending September 31, 2020. A copy of the licensure statute, Article 22, and a list of the Board's licensees is available at our website: ncboeslpa.org.

Please accept this report created to comply with G.S. 93B-2 and G.S. 93B-4. S

- (1) The address of the board, and the names of its members and officers.

Board Members as of 9/30/2021

Adam Mehlenbacher, Audiology Member, Chair
Sherri Smith, Audiology Member
Eileen M. Raynor, Physician Member
Brenda Fairfax, Public Member
MaryJane Richardson, Public Member
Nicole Jeffcoate, Speech & Language Pathology Member
Elizabeth Maynor, Speech & Language Pathology Member

Board Counsel:	Nahale Kalfas
Executive Director:	Denise Brown
Assistant Executive Director:	Kate Young
Administrative Assistant:	ElisabethNewman

- (1a) The total number of licensees supervised by the board.

As of September 30, 2021 there were 8531 licensees supervised by the Board and there were 397 registered assistants.

- (2) The number of persons who applied to the board for examination.

This Board uses the Praxis Examination as its required examination and does not have its own examination process.

- (3) The number who were refused examination.

Not applicable.

- (4) The number who took the examination.

Not applicable.

- (5) The number to whom initial licenses were issued.

There were 300 individuals who had not been previously licensed and were granted a full, unrestricted license by this Board.

- (5a) The number who failed the examination.

Not known

- (6) The number who applied for license by reciprocity or comity.

430 individuals applied for a license through reciprocity.

- (7) The number who were granted licenses by reciprocity or comity.

430 licenses were issued through reciprocity.

- (7a) The number of official complaints received involving licensed and unlicensed activities.

6 official complaints were received.

- (7b) The number of disciplinary actions taken against licensees, or other actions taken against nonlicensees, including injunctive relief.

The Board took 2 disciplinary action against a licensee.

- (8) The number of licenses suspended or revoked.

Two licenses were suspended or revoked.

(9) The number of licenses terminated for any reason other than failure to pay the required renewal fee.

No licenses were terminated for a reason other than failure to pay the required renewal fee.

(9a) The number of applicants for a license and, of that number, the number granted a license.

983 individuals applied for either a temporary license or a permanent license. Of those, 981 were granted either a temporary or a permanent license. This number includes individuals who moved from a temporary license to a permanent license. Note that application fees are not required for individuals whose temporary year has been approved and are then eligible for a permanent license.

(9b) The number of applicants with a conviction record and, of that number, the number granted a license, denied a license for any reason, and denied a license because of a conviction.

The Board only requests information pertaining to professional violations. No applicants were denied due to conviction records.

(9c) The number of applicants with military training, the number granted a license, the number denied a license for any reason, and a summary of the reasons for denial. The information provided in accordance with this subdivision shall not disclose any identifying information of any applicant.

The Board received no applications from individuals who were considered active military.

(9d) The number of applicants who are military spouses, the number granted a license, the number denied a license for any reason, and a summary of the reasons for denial. The information provided in accordance with this subdivision shall not disclose any identifying information of any applicant.

The Board received 17 applications from individuals who were considered active military spouses and all were granted licensure.

(10) The substance of any anticipated request by the occupational licensing board to the General Assembly to amend statutes related to the occupational licensing board.

The North Carolina Audiology Association has filed to amend the statute to update the North Carolina General statute governing the practice of audiology to better reflect the changes in education, experience and practice of the profession in order to enhance the health and welfare of North Carolina citizens.

(11) The substance of any anticipated change in rules adopted by the occupational licensing board or the substance of any anticipated adoption of new rules by the occupational licensing board.

This Board intends to file new rules regarding the administering and supervision of hearing screenings prior to providing speech services.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Denise Brown".

C. Denise Brown
Executive Director