

**IN THE MATTER OF**  
**MEGAN BODTMANN**  
**License Number 08983**

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

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**CONSENT ORDER OF REPRIMAND AND FINE**

On or about December 11, 2019, the Maryland Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists (the “Board”) received an application for reinstatement of license for Megan Bodtmann, S.L.P. (the “Respondent”), License Number 08983. In these application materials, the Respondent disclosed to the Board that she continued to practice speech-language pathology in the State of Maryland without a Maryland license, since her last license expired on May 31, 2019. The Respondent included with the application the dates on which she provided services while her license was non-renewed between June 1, 2019 and December 9, 2019. Upon receipt of this information, the Board initiated an investigation. Based upon the Respondent’s reinstatement of licensure application and the Board’s investigation, on January 16, 2020, the Board voted to offer a Pre-Charge Consent Order of Reprimand and Fine to the Respondent, in lieu of issuing Charges for violations of the Maryland Audiology, Hearing Aid Dispensing, and Speech-Language Pathology Act (the “Act”), Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations Article (“H.O.”) § 2-101 *et seq.* As a result of that offer, the Respondent and the Board agreed to the following Consent Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Board finds that:

1. On or about November 15, 2018, the Board issued the Respondent a license to practice as a speech-language pathologist in the State of Maryland, license number 08983.

2. After failing to submit a renewal application by the applicable deadline, the Respondent's license expired on May 31, 2019.

3. On or about December 11, 2019, the Board received the Respondent's license reinstatement application. On or about December 12, 2019, the Board reinstated the Respondent's license to practice as a speech-language pathologist, license number 08983.

4. In her reinstatement application, the Respondent disclosed to the Board that she continued to practice speech-language pathology in the State of Maryland without a Maryland license, since her last license expired on May 31, 2019. The Respondent included with the application the dates on which she provided services while her license was non-renewed between June 1, 2019 and December 9, 2019. The Board initiated an investigation.

5. In her application materials, the Respondent admitted that she had practiced as a speech-language pathologist for Eastern Shore Speech Therapy without a Maryland license between June 1, 2019 and December 9, 2019. The Respondent admitted that she took full responsibility for this and understood that penalties may arise. She stated that this was her first full speech-language pathology license, and she believed that license renewal was every two years. The Respondent stated that, upon discovering that her license was not renewed, she immediately ceased and desisted speech-language pathology services and contacted the Board's Executive Director to determine what she needed to do to reinstate her license.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent violated the following provisions under the Act:

Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. Art.:

§ 2-401(a) Except as otherwise provided in this title, a person may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice...speech-language pathology...in this State unless licensed by the Board to practice...speech-language pathology...

§ 2-402.2(a) Unless authorized to practice speech-language pathology under this title or unless otherwise provided for under this article, a person may not represent to the public by title, by description of services, methods, or procedures, or otherwise that the person:

- (1) Is authorized to practice speech-language pathology in this State; or
- (2) Evaluates, examines, instructs, or counsels individuals suffering from disorders or conditions that affect speech, language, communication, and swallowing.

The Board also concludes that, by practicing speech-language pathology without a license, the Respondent violated Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 2-314(5), (10), and (12).

Specifically:

§ 2-314 ...[T]he Board, may reprimand any licensee or holder of a limited license, place any licensee or holder of a limited license on probation, or suspend or revoke a license or limited license if the applicant, licensee, or holder:

- (5) Obtains a fee through fraud or misrepresentation;
- (10) Commits any act of unprofessional conduct in the practice of...speech-language pathology...; and
- (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 license of the Respondent to practice as a speech-language pathologist, number 08983 in the State of Maryland is hereby **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall pay to the Board a monetary fine of **ONE**

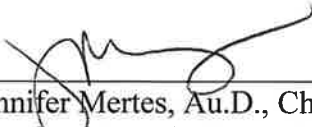
**THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$1,500.00)** in full by money order or cashier's check made payable to the Board and delivered personally or by certified mail to the Board within **NINETY (90) DAYS** of the effective date of this Consent Order. Failure to pay this monetary fine in full to the Board within **NINETY (90) DAYS** of the effective date of this Consent Order shall constitute a violation of this Consent Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall comply with and practice within all statutes and regulations governing the practice of speech-language pathology in the State of Maryland; and it is further

**ORDERED** that if the Respondent violates any of the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, the Board, in its discretion, after notice and an opportunity for an evidentiary hearing before the Board, if there is a genuine dispute as to the material fact(s), or an opportunity for a show cause hearing before the Board, may impose any other disciplinary sanction which the Board may have imposed in this case under Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 2-314 including probation, suspension, revocation, and/or additional monetary fine, said violation being proven by a preponderance of the evidence; 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 Ann., General Provisions § 4-101 *et seq.*

3/7/2020  
Date

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

**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 legal authority and jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent order. 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.

02/19/2020  
Date

  
Megan Bodtmann, License Number 08983

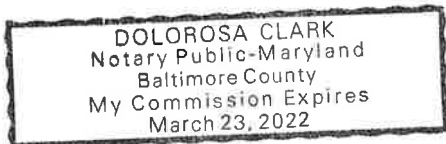
**NOTARIZATION**

STATE: Maryland  
CITY/COUNTY: Baltimore County

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared **Megan Bodtmann** and made oath in due form of law that the foregoing was the voluntary act and deed of **Megan Bodtmann**.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and Notarial Seal.

SEAL



Dolorosa Clark  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 03/23/2022 (initials)