

**IN THE MATTER OF  
JULIE ANN TRIMARCO  
APPLICANT**

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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**

On or about January 6, 2020, Julie Ann Trimarco, a speech-language pathologist licensed by the state of Texas, license number 108236, expiration date 02/29/2020 (the “Applicant”) contacted the Maryland Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists (the “Board”). In the telephone conversation with Board staff, the Applicant disclosed to the Board that she had been practicing speech-language pathology in the State of Maryland since September 9, 2019 until January 6, 2020 without having confirmed that she had been issued a license from the Board to practice speech-language pathology. The Board requested her to cease and desist from practicing speech-language pathology without a license in Maryland and to submit an application for a speech-language pathology license and an explanation, which was received by the Board of or about January 14, 2020, and initiated an investigation.

Based upon the Applicant’s submitted Application, the Board’s investigation, and the Applicant’s narrative statements, on January 16, 2020, the Board voted to offer a Pre-Charge Consent Order of Reprimand and Fine to the Applicant, in lieu of issuing Charges for violations of the Maryland Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists Act

(the “Act”), H.O. § 2-101 *et seq.* As a result of that offer, the Applicant and the Board agreed to the following Consent Order.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Board finds that:

1. At all times relevant to this matter, the Applicant was licensed by the state of Texas to practice speech-language pathology, license number 108236, expiration date 02/29/2020.

2. On or about January 6, 2020, the Applicant called the Board regarding the status of an application for a speech-language pathology license that the Applicant claimed to have submitted to the Board in August of 2019.

3. During the telephone conversation on January 6, 2020, the Board’s Administrative Specialist informed the Applicant that there was no pending licensing file for the Applicant and no record of payment for an application fee to the Board by the Applicant. The Applicant informed the Board’s Administrative Specialist that she had been practicing as a speech-language pathologist in the State of Maryland since September of 2019. The Board’s Administrative Specialist advised the Applicant to immediately cease and desist from practicing speech-language pathology in the State of Maryland and requested that the Applicant submit an application for a speech-language pathology license and application fee to the Board and to submit a narrative explanation as to the basis for the Applicant having practiced speech-language pathology in the State of Maryland without a license.

4. On or about January 14, 2020, the Applicant submitted to the Board an application for a license to practice speech-language pathology in the State of Maryland and the

application fee (the “Application”).

5. In a letter dated January 7, 2020, the Applicant offered a detailed explanation of the sequence of events that led to her practicing speech-language pathology in the State of Maryland without a license issued by the Board. The Applicant explained that she was notified on January 6, 2020 by her supervisor in the Washington County Public Schools that the Applicant’s name was not listed in the Board’s online license verification database. The Applicant further explained that she understood that if a speech-language pathology licensee in another state has submitted an application to the Board, the Board may allow that applicant to practice speech-language pathology in Maryland without a license. The Applicant stated that she had inquired about this in a telephone call to the Board in September of 2019. The Applicant did not provide any written documentation from the Board that indicated that the Board had considered, approved, or allowed the Applicant to practice speech-language pathology in Maryland without a license.

6. In her statement, the Applicant disclosed to the Board that she had provided speech-language pathology services to students in the Washington County Public Schools from September 9, 2019 until January 6, 2020. The Applicant stated that as soon as she was informed of her status as a non-licensee by her supervisor, she ceased servicing students, and immediately contacted the Board to rectify the situation so that she could obtain her Maryland license.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the Board concludes that that by practicing speech-language pathology without a license, the Applicant 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 Applicant 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 request by the Applicant for licensure to practice speech-language pathology in the State of Maryland is hereby **GRANTED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Board shall **ISSUE** to the Applicant a license to practice as a

speech-language pathologist in the State of Maryland; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the license of the Applicant to practice as a speech-language pathologist in the State of Maryland is hereby **REPRIMANDED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Applicant shall pay to the Board a monetary fine of **FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$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 Applicant will be placed on **PROBATION** for a minimum period of **SIX MONTHS** commencing on the date on which the Applicant is issued a license to practice as a speech-language pathologist in the State of Maryland by the Board. During the probationary period, the Applicant shall fully and satisfactorily comply with the following probationary terms and conditions:

1. The Applicant shall notify the Board of the date when she begins to provide speech-language pathology services in the State of Maryland;
2. The Applicant shall provide her employer with a copy of this Consent Order;
3. The Applicant shall maintain her license to practice speech-language pathology in the state of Texas, license number 108236, as active and in good standing;
4. The Applicant 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 Applicant fails to comply with any term or condition of probation or this Consent Order, the Board, in its discretion, after notice and an opportunity for a show cause hearing before the Board or an evidentiary hearing before the Board, may impose additional sanctions authorized under the Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 2-101 *et seq.*, including a reprimand, a suspension period, an additional period of probation, a revocation of her license, and/or a fine; and it is further

**ORDERED** that after the period of probation, but not before satisfactory completion of the conditions stated in herein, the Applicant may submit a written petition to the Board requesting termination of her probation, but only if she has fully and satisfactorily complied with all of the probationary terms and conditions set forth above and there are no pending complaints against the Applicant related to the charges in this case; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Applicant is responsible for all costs incurred in fulfilling the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Applicant shall comply with the Maryland Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 2-101 *et seq.*, and all federal and State laws and regulations governing the practice as a speech-language pathologist in Maryland; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this is a Final Decision and Order of the Board and, as such this document is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** under Md. Code Ann., General Provisions § 4-101, *et seq.*

2/20/20  
Date

Jennifer Mertes, Au.D.  
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.

2-6-20  
Date

  
Julie Ann Trimarco

NOTARIZATION

STATE: PA

CITY/COUNTY: Franklin

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 6 day of February, 2020, before me, a Notary Public of the State and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared **Julie Ann Trimarco** and made oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order of Reprimand was the voluntary act and deed of **Julie Ann Trimarco**.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and Notarial Seal.

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 03-30-2021

