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Learning Objectives:

At the end of this presentation, attendees will be able to describe the purposes and limitations of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

At the end of the presentation, attendees will be able to describe the Pennsylvania's licensing and continuing Education requirements, Interstate Compact, where to find current information, and Legislative updates for 2026.

At the conclusion of this presentation, participants will be able to describe the professional licensure complaint and enforcement process for speech-language pathologists and audiologists, including how complaints are initiated, investigated, reviewed, and resolved by the Department of State and the Board.



Course Abstract

This presentation provides an overview of the Pennsylvania State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language and Audiology, including its members, purpose, duties, and vision. It outlines licensure requirements, continuing education processes, telepractice guidelines, and recent legislative updates. Additional sections will address multi-state compacts, practical scenarios for licensure portability, and distinctions between licensure and certification.

This presentation outlines the role of the Pennsylvania Office of General Counsel (OGC) in supporting the State Board of Examiners in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology. It highlights the importance of professional licensing in protecting public welfare and explains how the Bureau of Enforcement and Investigation (BEI) receives and investigates complaints. Key investigative responsibilities, annual case statistics, and typical disciplinary outcomes—ranging from warnings to formal charges—are summarized. The presentation also explains the steps in the disciplinary and appellate processes and concludes with board contact information for legal and procedural guidance. The presentation will conclude with opportunities for public involvement, meeting details, contact information, and a question-and-answer session to review content.

Speaker Bios

Lisa A. Butler, M.A., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathologist | Chair, PA State Board of Examiners. Mrs. Butler is a licensed and certified speech-language pathologist with over 30 years of experience spanning educational, clinical, and rehabilitative settings. She currently serves as Chair of the Pennsylvania State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, a position she has held since 2020. Mrs. Butler holds a master's degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Edinboro University and maintains her Certificate of Clinical Competence from ASHA, as well as Level II Pennsylvania Teacher Certification. She is also a member of the National Council of State Boards of Examiners. In her current role with the School District of Lancaster, Mrs. Butler provides speech and language services to students across multiple support environments, including classrooms for students with autism, emotional support, and learning support. She is an advocate for inclusive practices and actively leads Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS). Mrs. Butler presents at both state and national conferences, including the Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association (PSHA) and the National Council of State Boards of Examiners.

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Speaker Disclosures

Lisa Butler and Theresa Jacopetti are on the Pennsylvania State Board of Examiners of Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists. There are no relevant financial or non-financial relationships to disclose. The information presented today does not necessarily reflect the views of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania or the State Board.

Theresa Jacopetti is a Board Member and on the Education Committee on the Pennsylvania Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. Theresa Jacopetti is Clinical Educator in the Speech-Language Pathology Program at Misericordia University in Dallas, Pennsylvania. Nonfinancial Disclosure: Theresa Jacopetti is a member of PSHA's Healthcare-Telepractice Committee, Private Practice Subcommittee, Tri-Alliance Medicaid Task Force, Tri-Alliance Highmark Task Force, and the State Advocate for Reimbursement. She receives no financial compensation for her service to PSHA.