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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION
2015-178A

Amy Hall, Executive Secretary
Board of Examiners for Speech-Language
Pathology and Audiology
3700 N. Classen Blvd., Ste. 248
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73118

November 18, 2015

Dear Executive Secretary Hall:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding agency action that the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology intends to take. The proposed action is to deny the application for renewal of a license of licensee 3274. The Oklahoma Tax Commission has notified the Board that the licensee is noncompliant with Oklahoma tax law.

The Speech Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act, 59 O.S.2011 & Supp.2015, §§ 1601–1622, requires the Board to take applications for licensure renewal, fix fees for them, and set standards of continuing education for them. 59 O.S.2011, §§ 1610(A)(2), 1615.1, 1616.1; *see also* OAC 690:10-9-2(a). However, Oklahoma law prohibits the Board from accepting renewal applications where the Oklahoma Tax Commission has determined a licensee is noncompliant with Oklahoma tax law and that licensee has not resolved that dispute. 68 O.S.2011, § 238.1(E).

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State of Oklahoma's policy to uphold standards of professionalism and ethics in the speech-language pathology and audiology profession.

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E. SCOTT PRUITT
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA