

**BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2015**

TIME AND PLACE: The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (Board) meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2015, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 3, Henrico, Virginia.

PRESIDING OFFICER: A. Tucker Gleason, Ph.D., CCC-A

MEMBERS PRESENT: George T. Hashisaki, M.D.
Martin L. Lenhardt, Au.D, Ph.D.
Angela W. Moss, CCC-SLP
Laura Purcell Verdun, MA, CCC-SLP

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Harold Sayles, Ph.D.
Ronald Spencer, R.N.

QUORUM: With five members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager
Tamara Farmer, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Marie Ireland, Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)
Darlene Robke, Speech Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV)
Jen Smith, Virginia Commonwealth University Health System
Leah Ball, Au.D.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION: Dr. Gleason introduced and welcomed the two new board members, Ms. Moss and Dr. Lenhardt.

ORDERING OF AGENDA: Ms. Moss moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Leah Ball, Audiologist, provided public comment in response to the posted Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) regarding the Board's intent to propose permanent regulations to replace the emergency regulations.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Verdun moved to approve, as a block, the September 25, 2014, Full Board and the October 14, 2014, Public Hearing minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Brown was not available to provide a report.

LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE: **Legislative Update from 2015 General Assembly Session**
Ms. Yeatts provided an overview of the 2015 legislation that may

affect DHP boards.

Regulatory Update

- Adoption of Final Regulations for fiber optic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing (FEES): Ms. Yeatts provided a brief history of the FEES and noted that all public comment had been in support of the proposed regulations.

Ms. Moss moved to adopt the proposed FEES regulations as final with no changes. The motion was seconded and carried.

Provisional License for SLPs – effective date 1/15/2015

Ms. Yeatts reported that the regulations for provisional licensure of speech-language pathologists became effective January 15, 2015.

Ad Hoc Assistant Speech-Language Pathologists Committee

Ms. Yeatts provided an overview of the history, public comment and revisions by board counsel on the proposed regulations for speech-language pathologist assistants. The Board proposed additional changes under “Responsibility of licensee” and “Qualifications of a speech-language assistant.”

Ms. Verdun moved to adopt the proposed regulations for speech-language pathologist assistants as presented and amended. The motion was seconded and carried.

Cerumen Management Regulations

Ms. Yeatts provided an overview of the legislative and regulatory activity regarding this issue. She commented that the public comment period for the NOIRA regarding the Board’s intent to propose permanent regulations to replace the emergency regulations is currently underway and will close on February 25, 2015.

Ms. Yeatts stated that the Board had been provided copies of the comments received as of the date of the board meeting. Based on the comments, she recommended that the Board request that the Ad Hoc Committee on Cerumen Management reconvene in March to review the comments to determine if changes to the emergency regulations were needed and to discuss proposed regulations to replace the emergency regulations.

At the request of Dr. Gleason, board staff will make arrangements for the Ad Hoc committee to reconvene in March.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Report on HB373 Implementation

Ms. Knachel stated that the implementation of HB373, which identified the Board as the single licensing entity for speech-language pathologists, has gone well. She thanked staff members for their hard work.

Officer Election

Ms. Knachel informed the Board that Dr. Sayles had resigned as Vice-Chair; therefore, a nomination was required to fill the position.

Dr. Hashisaki moved to nominate Ms. Verdun as Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

Update on Guidance Document 30-8

Ms. Knachel reported that Guidance Document 30-8 had been revised to include provisional licensure.

Ms. Verdun moved to accept the revisions to Guidance Document 30-8 as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Dr. Gleason thanked the board members and staff for their dedication and hard work.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Statistics

Ms. Knachel provided an overview of the licensure and disciplinary case statistics.

Ms. Knachel reported that money was available for travel if any board members wished to attend the National Council on State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology’s (NCSB) annual meeting which is held in October.

Budget

Ms. Knachel provided an overview of the budget information.

Update on Licensee Communications


Ms. Knachel identified the communications sent via email to licensees and posted on the Board’s website.

NEW BUSINESS:


Ms. Knachel informed the board that the June meeting may need to be moved to April in order to review the proposed cerumen management regulations recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee on Cerumen Management.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Moss moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. The motion was seconded and carried.


Al Tucker Gleason, Ph.D., CCC-A
Chair

6/11/2015
Date


Leslie L. Knachel, M.P.H
Executive Director

June 11, 2015
Date