

**BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 25, 2014**

TIME AND PLACE: The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (Board) meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. on Thursday, September 25, 2014, 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.
Harold Sayles, Ph.D.
Laura Purcell Verdun, MA, CCC-SLP

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Lillian Beasley Beahm, Au.D., CCC-A
Wanda L. Pritekel, MA, CCC-SLP
Ronald Spencer, R.N.

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

STAFF PRESENT: David E. Brown , D.C., Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Jim Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager
Tamara Farmer, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Marie Ireland, Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)
David Bailey, Speech Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV)
Darlene Robke, SHAV
Ralston King, Virginia Society of Otolaryngology

ORDERING OF AGENDA: Ms. Verdun moved to approve the agenda with an amendment to move the Director's Report and the Legislative/Regulatory Update to follow the Executive Director's report. The motion was seconded and carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Hashisaki moved to approve, as a block, the June 19, 2014, Full Board and the July 22, 2014, and August 5, 2014 Ad Hoc Committee minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: **Update on Implementation Plan for HB373**
Ms. Knachel provided an update on the collaborative effort of the VDOE and the Board to communicate the licensure requirements for school speech-language pathologists set forth in HB373.

Officer Election

Dr. Hashisaki moved to nominate Dr. Gleason as Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

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

2015 Calendar

Ms. Verdun moved to approve the 2015 calendar as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Gleason commended the Board members and staff for their hard work and dedication in revising the regulations, the VDOE collaboration licensure of school speech-language pathologists and e-renewal notification.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Statistics

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

Budget

Ms. Knachel provided an overview of the budget information and noted that revenues exceeded expenditures.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Dr. Brown provided an update on agency activities that included information on the Board of Medicine's Ad Hoc Committee on Telemedicine and participation in a task force on prescription drug and heroin abuse.

LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY REPORTS AND ACTIONS:

Ms. Yeatts provided an update on the status of the regulatory actions in process as of September 15, 2014.

Adoption of Emergency Regulations for Cerumen Management

Ms. Yeatts provided an overview of the proposed draft cerumen management regulations. Upon reviewing the draft regulations, the board recommended three amendments.

Ms. Verdun moved to adopt the emergency regulations as amended and simultaneously publish a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) to replace the emergency regulations with permanent regulations. The motion was seconded and carried.

Assistant Speech-Language Pathologists

Ms. Yeatts provided an overview of the legislation (HB764) that amended the *Code of Virginia* by adding §54.1-2605. The new code section requires the Board to prescribe qualifications and duties of a speech-language pathology assistant. The Board is required to submit a report of its actions to the Chairs of the House Committee on Health, Welfare and Institutions and the Senate Committee on Education and Health.

- **Discussion of Ad Hoc Committee Draft**
The Board reviewed the draft regulations developed by the Committee.
- **Adoption of NOIRA**
Dr. Sayles moved to adopt a NOIRA to begin the implementation process of speech-language pathology assistants as required in §54.1-2605 of the *Code of Virginia*. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Board requested that staff review the supervisory requirements in regulations for physical therapists and occupational therapists for presentation to the Ad Hoc Committee after receiving public comments generated by the NOIRA.

DISCUSSION ITEMS REVISITED:

Officer Election

Ms. Knachel informed the Board that due to pending appointments, the Board may be in a position of having no chair or vice-chair for multiple months.

Dr. Hashisaki moved to void the previous vice-chair election. The motion was seconded and carried.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

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

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

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