# BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 13, 2014

TIME AND PLACE: The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

(Board) meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. on Thursday, March 13, 2014, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Board Room 3,

Henrico, Virginia.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lillian Beasley Beahm, Au.D., CCC-A

George T. Hashisaki, M.D.

Wanda L. Pritekel, MA, CCC-SLP

Harold Sayles, Ph.D. Ronald Spencer, R.N.

Laura Purcell Verdun, MA, CCC-SLP

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** All members were present.

QUORUM: With seven members of the Board present, a quorum was

established.

STAFF PRESENT: David E. Brown, D.C., Director

Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst

Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel

James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General

Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director Carol Stamey, Operations Manager Tamara Farmer, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Marie Ireland, Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)

Scott Rankins, Speech Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV)

David Bailey, SHAV Darlene Robke, SHAV

Ralston King, Virginia Society of Otolaryngology

**ORDERING OF AGENDA:** The ordering of the agenda was accepted as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Scott Rankins presented comment regarding the status of the

proposed Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing

(FEES).

David Bailey presented follow-up comment regarding the FEES

legislation. Additionally, Mr. Bailey presented comment

regarding HB764, licensure of school speech-language pathology

assistants.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Beahm moved to approve the July 18, 2013, full board

meeting as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Dr. Brown introduced himself and provided a brief summary of

his background.

# LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY REPORTS AND ACTIONS:

# Discussion of Legislation Affecting the Board

Ms. Yeatts provided an update on the status of the regulatory actions in process. Additionally, Ms. Yeatts provided an overview of 2014 legislation affecting the board that included HB373, HB500, and HB764. The Board discussed the actions that need to be taken once the legislation is effective.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

# **Equipment Calibration**

Dr. Gleason reported that the Board's current regulations do not address equipment calibration; however, the Regulations for the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists require calibration once a year. The Board requested that staff research the issue and report back to the Board before the end of the year.

### **Bylaw Amendments**

Ms. Knachel presented proposed amendments to the Bylaws for the Board's consideration. She included several typographical corrections. Dr. Beahm moved to approve the Bylaws, as a block, with the corrections. The motion was seconded carried.

# **Disciplinary Process**

Ms. Knachel presented an overview of the disciplinary process which included an updated probable cause review form.

Ms. Mitchell provided a brief summary of the formal hearing process.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Gleason highlighted the Board's past accomplishments, recognized the work done between VDOE and Ms. Knachel and thanked the Board and staff for all its hard work. Dr. Gleason also recognized Ms. Ireland for her contribution in helping to transition the licensure of VDOE endorsed speech-language pathologists over to the Board in response to 2014 legislation.

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

#### Statistics

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

# **Budget**

Ms. Knachel reported that budget information specific to the Board had been included in the packet.

#### **Notifications**

Ms. Knachel indicated that there was a potential conflict with the next meeting scheduled for June 26, 2014. The Board discussed an alternate meeting date of June 19, 2014, if needed.

Ms. Knachel reported that she and Dr. Gleason discussed the handling of a licensee who requests a CE extension or exemption after the renewal deadline and only after having been notified of selection for a CE audit. Any requests that meet the regulatory

requirements will be sent to a board member for review.

**NEW BUSINESS:** 

No new business was presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Verdun moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:48 a.m. The motion was seconded and carried.