

**BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 19, 2019**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (Board) meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Board Room 3, Henrico, Virginia.

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Melissa A. McNichol, Au.D.,CCC-A

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Corliss V. Booker, Ph.D., APRN, FNP-BC  
Bradley W. Kesser, M.D.  
Alison Ruth King, Ph.D., CCC-SLP  
Erin G. Piker, Au.D., Ph.D., CCC-A

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Kyttra Burge, Citizen Member  
Angela W. Moss, MA, CCC-SLP

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

**STAFF PRESENT:** Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director  
James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel  
Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director  
Anthony Morales, Licensing Operations Manager  
David E. Brown, D.C. – Agency Director  
Elaine Yeatts - Senior Policy Analyst

**OTHERS PRESENT:** No others were present.

**ORDERING OF AGENDA:** The agenda was accepted as amended.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** The new board member, Dr. King, was introduced.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Dr. Kesser moved to approve the September 25, 2018, meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:** Dr. Brown reported on the general overview of the House Bills.

- Telemedicine
- Music Therapy Licensure
- DHP Website

**LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE:** **Legislative Update**  
Ms. Yeatts reviewed legislation of interest to the agency and the Board of Audiology, Speech-Language Pathology.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** **Licensure Compact**

Ms. Knachel provided an overview of the draft licensure compact that was presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and

Audiology. She reviewed the comments that were submitted to the compact's drafting committee for consideration. She indicated that she will keep the Board apprised of the progression of the compact.

### **Information on Telepractice from the Speech-Language-Hearing Association of Virginia**

Ms. Knachel stated that the Speech-Language-Hearing Association of Virginia, (SHAV) submitted a draft proposal for telepractice guidelines to be used by speech-language pathologists and audiologists. She recommended that the Board convene a regulatory advisory panel (RAP) composed of two representatives from the Board, two from the Department of Education and one from SHAV. The Board requested that Ms. Knachel move forward with scheduling a RAP meeting on telepractice.

### **Update on Continuing Education (CE) Audit**

Ms. Knachel explained that conducting a CE audit is at the discretion of the Board. She indicated during the first meeting scheduled after a renewal period, the Board will be asked to vote on whether a CE audit is to be conducted.

Dr. Kesser moved to conduct an audit for Ce completed in 2018. The motion was seconded and carried.

- **Update of Guidance Document 30-9, Guidance for Continuing Education Audits and Sanctioning for Failure to Complete CE**

Ms. Knachel explained the need to have additional actions for failure to respond to a CE audit notification until disciplinary action was initiated by the Board. She presented draft changes to the Board for its consideration with an amendment to change the "Possible Action" column for the "Second Offense" to "Pre-hearing Consent Order."

Dr. Piker moved to accept the draft with the amendment. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **Using Telepractice to Supervise a Provisional Licensee**

Ms. Knachel commented that she had received several questions regarding whether supervision for a provisionally licensed speech-language pathologist could be done via telepractice. She indicated that the regulations do not address this specific scenario, but if done via telepractice would need to be compliant with all regulatory requirements for supervision. However, Ms. Knachel stated that the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association does not allow telepractice supervision to count towards meeting the requirements for a Certificate of Clinical Competence.

### **BOARD MEMBER TRAINING:**

#### **Administrative Hearings**

Ms. Kelli Moss provided training on administrative hearings.

**BOARD COUNSEL REPORT:**

Mr. Rutkowski had nothing to report.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Ms. McNichol had nothing to report.

**BOARD OF HEALTH  
PROFESSIONS' REPORT:**

Dr. King was not able to attend the most recent Board of Health Professions meeting due to a scheduling conflict. She indicated that she would be attending the February 25, 2019, meeting.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Executive Director's Report**

The following information was provided:

- Ms. Knachel reported on licensure and budget statistics.
- Ms. Knachel indicated that she would not be able to attend the National Council of State Boards of Examiners' 2019 annual meeting, but planned to send Ms. Kelli Moss and asked if a board member would like to attend. Dr. Piker volunteered to attend.
- Mr. Morales provided information of the new email encryption process, Virtru: and
- Ms. Knachel presented a tentative board calendar for 2020.

**Discipline Report – Ms. Moss**

Ms. Kelli Moss provided an overview of the caseload statistics.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No New Business was presented.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next scheduled full board meeting is November 12, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.



Angela W. Moss, MA, CCC-SLP  
Chair

Date

7/30/19



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

Date

July 30, 2019