

VIRGINIA BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
Regulatory Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The January 20, 2022 Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (Board) Regulatory Advisory Panel (RAP) meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 3, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Alison R. King, PhD, CC-SLP, Chair

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Marie Ireland, Department of Education (DOE) Representative
Amber Handon, DOE Representative
Amy Barnett, Speech-Language-Hearing Association of Virginia Representative
Laura Verdun, Private Practice
Angela Moss, Board Member
Teri Nelligan, Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, Infant & Toddler Connection

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: All members present

QUORUM: With seven members of the Committee present, a quorum was established.

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Erin Barrett, Senior Policy Analyst
Laura Paasch, Administrative Assistant
Laura Jackson, Board Administrator

PUBLIC PRESENT: There were no members of the public present

EMERGENCY EGRESS: Ms. Knachel read the emergency egress procedures.

INTRODUCTIONS: Attendees introduced themselves.

MISSION STATEMENT: Dr. King read the Department of Health Professions' Mission Statement.

ORDERING OF AGENDA: The agenda was accepted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: **18VAC30-21-140 Supervisory responsibilities; supervision of unlicensed assistants.**

A discussion of the following occurred:

18VAC30-21-140(E)(2) – Consideration to allow tele-supervision of assistants.

Ms. Knachel provided background information on the issue.

The RAP members discussed tele-supervision of assistants.

18VAC30-21-140(E) (2) Consideration of the number of assistants supervised by a speech-language pathologist.

Ms. Knachel provided background information on the issue.

The RAP requested that staff develop a draft guidance document that clarifies the discussed issues related to supervision of an assistant and the number of assistants a speech-language pathologist may supervise. The RAP asked staff to circulate the draft to the member before presenting to the full Board for adoption consideration.

A motion for staff to develop a draft guidance document to clarify issues related to supervision of an assistant and the number of assistants that a speech-language pathology may supervise was made by Ms. Moss and properly seconded by Ms. Ireland. The motion carried with six members voting in favor and one opposed.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

NEXT MEETING:

The need for another meeting will be assessed following the development of the guidance document. If adequate clarification cannot be accomplished with a guidance document, the RAP will reconvene to discuss regulatory amendments.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

Melissa A. McNichol, Au.D.,CCC-A
Chair

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

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