

APPROVED

BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2006 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Susan Chadwick, Chair, called the quarterly meeting of the Board of Audiology and Speech Pathology to order at 10:47 a.m., on Thursday, February 23, 2006, in Board Room #3, at 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

PRESENT

Susan Chadwick, Au.D.
Angela W. Moss, M.A., CCC-SLP
Ronald Spencer, R.N., Citizen Member
Andrew M. Klein, M.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sally McNamara-Jones, M.C.S., CCC-SLP
Michael Ridenhour, Au.D.

STAFF PRESENT:

Elizabeth Young, Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Annie B. Artis, Operations Manager

COUNSEL PRESENT

Jack E. Kotvas, Assistant Attorney General

GUESTS PRESENT:

Bonnie Atwood, David Bailey and Associates, Inc.
Bill Ferguson, Executive Director, Board of Hearing Aid Specialists
Tonya Horton, S.L.P.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Moss made a motion to accept the agenda as written. The motion was properly seconded by Mr. Spencer. The vote carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Atwood briefly discussed Senate Bill 161. The bill addressed the reduction of speech-language pathology caseloads in public schools. She stated that the budget amendment failed.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Dr. Klein made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 10, 2005 Board meeting. The motion was properly seconded by Ms. Moss. The vote carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2006 Virginia General Assembly

Ms. Yeatts highlighted bills that directly affected the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology and DHP.

HB 300 Physician assistants; provides that they may sign various forms and certificates, etc.

The bill provides that physician assistants may sign various forms and certificates, and provide medical information or treatment in certain situations. Ms. Yeatts stated there was an ad-hoc committee of the Board of Medicine reviewing this issue and she believes that the issue is one worth revisiting.

HB 1486 Administrative Process Act; summary case decisions.

The bill authorizes requests for summary case decisions by persons who have (i) applied for a permit, certificate, license, or other approval from an agency or (ii) received notice of a potential violation or other deficiency from an agency. The bill was referred to the House Committee on General Laws. Ms. Yeatts stated that this bill was created to ensure that cases are processed and adjudicated in a timely manner.

HB 1501 Physicians; information to be provided by Board of Medicine to individuals filing complaints.

The bill allows boards within DHP to issue advisory letter after disciplinary case. The letters are not FOIAable.

HJ 71 Health regulatory boards; Department of Health Professions, et al to study hearing process.

The bill requests the Department of Health Professions, in cooperation with the Virginia Bar Association, to study ways to increase the efficiency of the investigative and hearing process of the Department of Health Professions and its health regulatory boards.

SB 214 Health professions; reinstatement hearing for mandatory suspension or revocation of license.

The bill increases the time between receipt of an application for reinstatement and the relevant health regulatory board's reinstatement hearing after a mandatory suspension or revocation of a health professional's license, certificate, or registration from 30 days to 60 days.

Board of Health Professions – Meeting of January 17, 2006

Ms. Young provided minutes from the meetings on January 17, 2006 for the Board's review

Board of Hearing Aid Specialists

Mr. Ferguson attended on the behalf of the Board of Hearing Aid Specialists; however, there was no report.

Professional News

Ms. Young stated that the information in the agenda packet was provided to the Board for informational purposes.

SHAV CONFERENCE

Ms. Young informed the Board that she would be attending the SHAV conference on March 10, 2006 and asked the Board members if they had any topics of interest that they wanted her to share at the SHAV conference. It was suggested that Ms. Young discuss the C.E.U. proposed changes and also clarify how ASHA calculates continuing education hours.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative/Regulatory Committee

Fee Change Amendment

Ms. Yeatts stated that fast track legislation was submitted to amend the return check fee from \$25.00 to \$35.00. Ms. Moss made a motion to accept the fee increase. The motion was properly seconded by Dr. Klein. The vote carried unanimously.

Adoption of NOIRA

Ms. Yeatts informed the Board that the Notice of Periodic Review of Regulations must be adopted. Mr. Spencer made a motion to adopt the Notice of Periodic Review of Regulations as submitted. The motion was properly seconded by Ms. Duke. The vote carried unanimously.

Request for Change in CEU Timeline

Ms. Young stated that there was a request submitted from Laura Kohlroser, SLP to change the CEU timeline to coincide with ASHA requirements. Ms. Duke, upon advice from Board counsel, made a motion to respond to Ms. Kohlroser in writing and clarify her concerns and inform her that the regulations are currently up for review. The motion was properly seconded by Moss.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Young stated that there are currently four positions that will expire in June, 2006. She informed the board members if they would like to continue, write a letter requesting reappointment to the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

LICENSEE STATISTICS

Case Statistics

Ms. Young provided the statistics of the number of licensed audiologists and speech-language pathologists in the state.

Calendar

Ms. Young reviewed the year's upcoming calendar with the Board.

BUDGET

Ms. Young stated that the deficit is decreasing. She stated all expenditures will possibly result in another deficit and another fee increase may be necessary. She reminded the Board that there expenses are minimum.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Susan .D. Chadwick, Aud.D., Chair

Elizabeth Young, Executive Director

Date

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