

**BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY
BOARD MEETING**

Thursday, May 16, 2002
6606 West Broad Street, 5th Floor
Richmond, Virginia 23230
Conference Room #3

Department of Health Professions

CALL TO ORDER: A meeting of the Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

PRESIDING: Julie Farrar-Hersch, Ph.D., Chair

MEMBERS PRESENT: Elizabeth Marshall
Peregrin C. Francisco
Charles M. Johnson, III, M.D.
Sheila D. Hensley
Michael W. Ridenhour, Au.D.
Theodore Brown, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Robert Nebiker, Director of DHP
Elizabeth Young, Executive Director
Vickie Hutson-McCloud, Administrative Staff Assistant

COUNSEL PRESENT: Roscoe Roberts, Assistant Attorney General

QUORUM: With 7 members of the Board present, a quorum was established.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

ORDERING AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was ordered and reviewed.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: On a properly seconded motion by Ms. Marshall, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the board meeting of November 8, 2001 with corrections. On a properly seconded motion by Mr. Brown, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the board meeting of February 21, 2002 with corrections. On a properly seconded motion by Dr. Johnson, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the board meeting and presentation of March 23, 2002.

BOARD OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS MEETING: Ms. Marshall provided the Board with highlights of the Board of Health Professions Meeting of March 5, 2002.

DIRECTOR'S DISCUSSION WITH THE BOARD: Mr. Nebiker provided the board with the agency's objectives.

REQUEST FROM AUDIOLOGY HEARING AID ASSOCIATES, INC. On a properly seconded motion by Ms. Marshall, the Board voted for Ms. Young to submit a letter to Mary Etta Boyce

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with the Medical Management Department of Trigon, Inc. stating that hearing aid dispensing is not within the scope of practice for audiologists licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

AAA ALERT:

Ms. Young provided the board with information regarding a program for the low-income Medicare beneficiaries who qualify for assistance under the Medicaid program.

PRAXIS EXAMINATION UPDATE:

Ms. Young stated that the Education Testing Service will be offering one statewide examination on August 10, 2002 in addition to the six national administrations offered each year.

CONTINUING EDUCATION AUDIT PLAN:

Ms. Young advised the Board that the department is drafting a policy for conducting competency audits. Ms. Young further advised that the department has requested that the board develop its own continuing competency audit for the renewal of December 31, 2004.

HPIP PROGRAM:

Mr. Nebiker advised the board that it is in the best interest of the HPIP program to solicit new proposals for services necessary to operate the program, beginning January 1, 2003.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY (NCSB):

Ms. Young provided the board with general information from the National Council of State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

AG INTERPRETATION:

At the board's meeting of February 21, 2001, it requested the board counsel's interpretation as to whether the Virginia Public Procurement Act applied to the contracting for examination and accreditation services of the board. Mr. Roberts stated that the Virginia Public Procurement Act does apply. Mr. Nebiker stated that the Department has for some time maintained the position that the Act applies to the procurement of such services by the Department's boards.

AAA CONFERENCE:

Dr. Farrar-Hersch provided a brief presentation of the recent AAA Convention in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY COMMITTEE:

Ms. Marshall provided the board with an overview of the Legislative/Regulatory Committee Meeting held on May 16, 2002.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

Ms. Young provided the board with a General Assembly

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update regarding Senate Bills 401 and 429.
Dr. Ridenhour provided the Board with a brief overview of his attendance to the American Auditory Society Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
REPORT:**

Ms. Young advised the Board of the current number of disciplinary cases – six. Ms. Young provided the Licensee Count Report. There are 410 audiologists, 60 school speech pathologists, and 1848 speech pathologists currently active in Virginia.

Ms. Young provided the Cash Balance Report as of March 31, 2002 and the Revenue and Expense Summary for July 2001 through March 2002.

Ms. Young provided the board members with a calendar of activities.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Julie Farrar-Hersch, Chair

Elizabeth Young, Executive Director

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