

**BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2015**

- TIME AND PLACE:** The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (Board) meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 3, Henrico, Virginia.
- PRESIDING OFFICER:** A. Tucker Gleason, Ph.D., CCC-A
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** George T. Hashisaki, M.D.
Martin L. Lenhardt, Au.D, Ph.D.
Laura Purcell Verdun, MA, CCC-SLP
Ronald Spencer, R.N.
- MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Angela W. Moss, MA, CCC-SLP
Harold Sayles, Ph.D.
- QUORUM:** With five members of the Board present, a quorum was established.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Amanda Blount, Deputy Executive Director
Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager
Tamara Farmer, Administrative Assistant
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Marie Ireland, Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)
Darlene Robke, Speech Hearing Association of Virginia (SHAV)
Ralston King, Virginia Society of Otolaryngology
Lori Gardner, Audiologist
- ORDERING OF AGENDA:** Mr. Spencer moved to approve the agenda with an amendment to add "Cerumen Management Training Courses" to the "Discussion Items". The motion was seconded and carried.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** Darlene Robke, SHAV, provided public comment regarding SHAV's outreach to assist audiologists in obtaining Cerumen Management course training.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms. Verdun moved to approve, as a block, the February 12, 2015, Full Board and the March 12, 2015, Cerumen Management Ad Hoc Committee minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.
- DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Dr. Brown provided an update on the following topics:
- Participation of DHP and Practitioner Monitoring Program in the Governor's Task Force regarding prescription and heroin drug abuse;
 - Audit of the Department's Health Practitioner Monitoring

Program; and

- Board member training day scheduled for September 28, 2015.

LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE:

Revenue, Expenditures, & Cash Balance Analysis

Ms. Yeatts advised the board that a biennial analysis of the Board's revenues and expenditures revealed the need for the Board to consider a one-time licensure fee reduction. Upon review of the Board's budget, Ms. Verdun moved to approve the one-time fee reduction as presented in draft regulation. The motion was seconded and carried.

Review of Regulatory Actions

- **Cerumen Management**

Ms. Yeatts provided an overview of the Cerumen Management Emergency Regulations currently in effect and the Ad Hoc Committee's amendments to the Emergency Regulations as a result of public comment. Ms. Yeatts provided a proposed re-draft of the Emergency Regulations based upon the amendments recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee. The Board discussed the recommended amendments.

Dr. Hashisaki moved to adopt the proposed re-draft and proceed with amendments to the Emergency Regulations and adopt the proposed re-draft as the replacement regulations. The motion was seconded and carried.

- **Speech-Language Pathologist Assistants (SLPAs)**

Ms. Yeatts provided the Board with the Department of Planning and Budget's Economic Impact Analysis statement regarding education qualifications. The Board discussed the minimum requirements for an SLPA.

Ms. Verdun moved to reaffirm the regulations as written. The motion carried with a 4 yea and 1 nay vote.

- **Fiberoptic Endoscopic Evaluation of Swallowing**

Ms. Yeatts reported that the FEES regulations were at the final stage at the Governor's office.

- **Promulgation of Chapter 21 and repeal of Chapter 20**

Ms. Yeatts reported that this regulatory action was at the Governor's office.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Healthcare Workforce Data Center Survey

Dr. Carter presented an overview of the most recent workforce survey results and data products.

Continuing Education Requirements in Public Schools

Ms. Ireland presented an overview of the DOE's recertification requirements, descriptive terms to characterize meeting types and potential areas for board clarification. The Board requested that

staff prepare an amended draft of the current Guidance Document 30-5 for presentation at the next meeting.

Supervision Requirements for Provisional Licenses

Ms. Knachel informed the Board that the office received several questions about the supervision requirements for provisional licenses. She reported that inquirers are told that the number of oversight hours is left up to the supervising SLP. If an individual is completing a clinical fellowship, the supervising SLP would need to follow the requirements for the clinical fellowship certification process.

Report on HB373 Implementation

Ms. Knachel thanked staff members and the VDOE for the smooth implementation of HB373.

Annual National Council Conference

Ms. Knachel informed the Board that the meeting of the National Council of State Boards of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology conflicts with the board meeting October 8, 2015. The staff was directed to attempt rescheduling the board meeting so Virginia representatives could attend the meeting.

Cerumen Management Training Courses

Ms. Knachel informed the Board that professional associations had contacted the board office to ask questions about the training requirements found in the Cerumen Management Emergency Regulations. The inquirers were asking whether parts of 18VAC30-20-241(B)(5) could be done online. The Board requested that Ms. Knachel prepare a guidance document for review at the next board meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Gleason did not provide any remarks due to time constraint.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Statistics

Ms. Knachel provided an overview of the licensure statistics from 2013 to current date.

Budget

Ms. Knachel noted that the budget statistics were located in the agenda packet and had been previously discussed during the Revenue, Expenditures, & Cash Balance Analysis portion of the agenda.

Introduction of Ms. Blount

Ms. Knachel introduced Ms. Amanda Blount as the new Deputy Executive Director to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Verdun inquired about the timeframes for responding to requests from board staff.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

A. Tucker Gleason, Ph.D., CCC-A
Chair

2/18/2016
Date

Leslie L. Knachel
Executive Director

February 18, 2016
Date