

**BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**JULY 11, 2017**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (Board) meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Training Room 1, Henrico, Virginia.

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** A. Tucker Gleason, Ph.D., CCC-A

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Lillian B. Beahm, Au. D, CCC-A  
Laura Purcell Verdun, MA, CCC-SLP  
Kyttra Burge, Citizen Member  
Bradley W. Kesser, M.D.

**MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:** Corliss V. Booker, Ph.D., APRN, FNP-BC  
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  
Erin Barrett, J.D., Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel  
Lisa R. Hahn, MPA, Chief Deputy Director  
Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director, Board of Health Professions  
Carol Stamey, Operations Manager  
Julia Chambers, DHP Intern  
Briana Woody, DHP Intern

**OTHERS PRESENT:** There were no others present.

**ORDERING OF AGENDA:** No changes or additions were made to the agenda.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER:** Dr. Gleason welcomed the new board member, Kyttra Burge.

**USE OF AGENCY LAPTOP COMPUTERS:** Ms. Knachel informed the Board that agenda packages would be provided in electronic format. A brief training session was held to familiarize the board members with accessing the agenda file.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Ms. Verdun moved to approve as a block meeting minutes from the following dates:

- August 17, 2016, Speech-Language Pathology Assistants (SLPA) Committee;
- August 17, 2016, Public Hearing on Review of SLPAs;
- September 8, 2016, Full Board Meeting; and
- December 19, 2016.

The motion was seconded and carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Ms. Hahn provided an update on the agency's new disciplinary procedure for conducting informal conferences and formal hearings.

Additionally, Ms. Hahn reported that training videos would be available in the future.

**INTRODUCTION OF AGENCY INTERNS:**

Dr. Gleason introduced the agency's interns, Briana Woody and Julia Chambers.

**LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE:**

**Regulatory Update**

Ms. Knachel updated the Board on the status of the following regulatory actions:

- Amendments to reinstatement/reactivation requirements became effective on March 23, 2017;
- CE credit for volunteer hours became effective on March 9, 2017; and
- Incorporation of cerumen management and assistant SLP regulations became effective on 9/21/2016.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**Healthcare Workforce Data Center Survey Report**

Dr. Carter presented the results of the Board's 2016 Healthcare Workforce Survey.

The Board discussed the need to add telehealth as an additional category to the survey.

Ms. Verdun moved to include a telehealth question to the Workforce Survey. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Expert Admissibility Standards**

Ms. Barrett presented two expert witness admissibility standards (Traditional Virginia Standard and Virginia Medical Malpractice Standard) for the Board's consideration.

Ms. Verdun moved to adopt the Traditional Virginia Standard as its expert witness admissibility standard. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) Survey Results**

Ms. Knachel reported that the SLPA survey was deployed and noted a low response rate. The Board discussed adding SLPA questions to the Workforce Data Survey.

Ms. Verdun moved to add SLPA questions to the Workforce Data Survey. The motion was seconded and carried.

As a future issue, the Board expressed its desire to change the Code from "Assistant Speech-Language Pathologists" to "Speech-Language Pathology Assistants" to be consistent with the titling on a national level.

**Continuing Education Audit**

Ms. Knachel reported that the Board had previously voted to suspend the CE audit for the year 2016 due to changes in CE requirements.

Ms. Verdun moved to resume the CE audit for the year 2017. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Guidance Document 30-9, CE Audits Acceptance of Clinical Supervision as CE**

Ms. Knachel informed the Board that the current Guidance Document 30-9 includes acceptance of clinical supervision as approved CE. The Board determined that clinical supervision should not be considered as approved CE.

Ms. Verdun moved to remove the language regarding acceptance of clinical supervision contained in Guidance Document 30-9 effective January 1, 2018. The motion was seconded and carried.

As a future item, it was requested that the board consider adding a breakdown of CE requirements by category.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Dr. Gleason informed the Board that Ms. Verdun had been recognized in a publication of the American Speech-Language Hearing Association for an interview in a morning radio show. Additionally, Dr. Gleason thanked staff for their expertise and hard work.

**BOARD OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS' REPORT:**

Ms. Verdun reported that the Board of Health Professions was conducting a study on the feasibility of licensure of anesthesiologist assistants.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**Executive Director's Report**

Ms. Knachel provided an overview of the licensure statistics and budget report.

**Discipline Report**

Ms. Knachel provided an overview of the caseload statistics.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Officer Elections**

Dr. Kesser nominated Dr. Gleason for Board Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

Ms. Verdun nominated herself for Board Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

A roll call vote was taken. Dr. Gleason was elected Chair with three votes.

Ms. Burge nominated Ms. Verdun for Board Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded and carried.

**2017 and 2018 Board Calendar**

It was determined that the board meeting date of November 7, 2017, should be cancelled. Dr. Kesser moved to approve the cancellation date of November 7, 2017, and approve the 2018 calendar as presented.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Dr. Gleason moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

*A. Tucker Gleason*

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Chair

*2/13/2018*

Date

*Leslie L. Knachel*

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

*February 13, 2018*

Date