

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
MEETING MINUTES
February 25, 2020**

TIME AND PLACE: The Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (Board) meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 4, Henrico, Virginia.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Melissa A. McNichol, Au.D.,CCC-A

MEMBERS PRESENT: Corliss V. Booker, Ph.D., APRN, FNP-BC
Kyttra Burge, Citizen Member
Alison Ruth King, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
Angela W. Moss, MA, CCC-SLP
Erin G. Piker, Au.D., Ph.D., CCC-A

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Bradley W. Kesser, M.D.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director
Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Anthony Morales, Licensing Operations Manager
David E. Brown, D.C. – Agency Director
Elaine Yeatts - Senior Policy Analyst
Tamara Farmer, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Celia Wilson, Operations Administrative Assistant
Annette Kelley, Deputy Executive Director, Virginia Board of Pharmacy

INTRODUCTIONS: Ms. Knachel introduced Ms. Wilson and Ms. Farmer to the Board.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Ms. Moss moved to approve the meeting minutes for the July 30, 2019 – Full Board Meeting

The motion was seconded and carried.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Dr. Brown provided an overview of the General Assembly session.

LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE: **Legislative Update**
Ms. Yeatts provided a brief summary of the 2019 legislation that directly and indirectly affected the Board.

Regulatory Amendment (18VAC30-21-40)
Ms. Yeatts provided information about the need to change the return check fee from \$35.00 to \$50.00 pursuant to the Code of Virginia.

Ms. Burge moved to adopt the amendment by fast track action.

The motion was seconded and carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Cannabidiol Oil and Vertical Pharmaceutical Processors

Ms. Kelley provided information on the Pharmaceutical Processors that are under the purview of the Board of Pharmacy.

Updates to Guidance Document 30-2:Bylaws

Ms. Knachel stated that an updated version of the amendments to Guidance Document 30-2: Bylaws were provided.

Ms. Moss moved to accept the updated changes to Guidance Document 30-2 as presented.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Update on Professional Association Certification for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Assistants (SLP-A/AUD-A)

Ms. Knachel informed the Board that the American Speech–Language–Hearing Association (ASHA) plans to start accepting applications in the third quarter of 2020 for the first ASHA-certified assistant certification and plans to issue the certification in the fourth quarter of 2020.

Supervision of Speech-Language Pathology Assistants

Ms. Knachel brought before the Board a question she received requesting more guidance for supervision of an SLP-A.

The Board discussed this and took no action.

Update on Licensure Compact

Ms. Knachel commented that an ASHA publication indicates that eight states are moving forward with legislation to enact the licensure compact. She stated that 10 states are needed to activate the compact. Ms. Knachel provided information that questions about the funding plan for the compact have not been answered. Since the compact requires member states to fully fund the Compact Commission in the absence of other funding, joining the compact is not yet recommended.

BOARD MEMBER TRAINING:

Closing Cases

Ms. Moss provided training on closing cases.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT:

Ms. Mitchell had nothing to report.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT:

Dr. McNichol had nothing to report.

BOARD OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS’ REPORT:

Dr. King had nothing to reports because she was unable to attend last Board of Health Professions meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

STAFF REPORTS:

Executive Director’s Report

Ms. Knachel provided the following information:

- Licensure and budget statistics;

- Results of the continuing education audit;
- Letter of thanks from Speech-Language-Hearing Association of Virginia for the Board’s work on the telepractice guidance document; and
- Outreach licensing presentations at Longwood University and the University of Virginia.

Discipline Report

Ms. Moss provided an overview of the caseload statistics.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented.

NEXT MEETING:

The next scheduled full board meeting is July 7, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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

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

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