

July 9, 2024
Board Room 4
9:00 a.m.

Agenda

Virginia Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Full Board Meeting

Call to Order – Melissa A. McNichol, Au.D., CCA-A, Chair

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- Welcome
- Emergency Egress
- Mission Statement

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Public Comment – Dr. McNichol

The Board will receive all public comment related to agenda items at this time. The Board will not receive comment on any regulatory process for which a public comment period has closed or any pending or closed complaint or disciplinary matter.

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December 10, 2024

Meeting Adjournment – Dr. McNichol

This information is in **DRAFT** form and is subject to change.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to ensure safe and competent patient care by licensing health professionals, enforcing standards of practice, and providing information to health care practitioners and the public.

Call to Order

The December 12, 2023, Virginia Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 3, Henrico, Virginia 23233.

Presiding Officer

Melissa A. McNichol, Au.D., CCA-A

Members Present

Laura H. Vencill, MS, CCC-SLP

James Wells, RPh

Lisa G. Wallace-Davis, OD

Bradley W. Kesser, MD

Bethany Rose, Au.D.

Member Attending Electronically

Jennifer R. Gay, MS, CCC-SLP was approved by the Chair of the Board to participate electronically due to a personal travel conflict.

Staff Present

Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director

Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director

Laura Booberg, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel

Laura D. Paasch, Senior Licensing Specialist

Heather Pote, Senior Discipline Case Specialist

Establishment of Quorum

With seven board members present, a quorum was established.

Ordering of Agenda

Dr. McNichol opened the floor to any edits or corrections to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was accepted as presented.

Public Comment

There were no requests to provide public comment.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. McNichol opened the floor to any edits or corrections regarding the draft minutes of the full board meeting and the summary suspension consideration meeting held on August 8, 2023. With no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved as presented.

Proposed Settlement to Resolve Case #227692

Ms. Moss presented a consent order to the Board to be considered for ratification.

Dr. Rose made a motion to ratify the consent order as presented to resolve case #227692. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wells. The motion carried with six votes in favor, and one abstention by Ms. Gay.

New Business

No new business.

Next Meeting

The next full board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

Adjournment

With no objection, Dr. McNichol adjourned the meeting at 9:44 a.m.

Kelli G. Moss
Executive Director

Agenda Item: Consideration of fast-track regulatory reduction action

Included in your agenda package:

- Draft regulatory changes approved by the Regulatory/Legislative Committee on January 30, 2023 with the inclusion of alternative pathways for initial licensure;
- Town Hall summary sheet regarding 2022 petition to remove CCCs as a requirement for initial licensure.

Staff Notes: The Board completed a periodic review in 2021 for Chapter 21, after which the Board voted to amend the regulations. Following regulatory committee review and recommended changes, Virginia entered the ASLP Compact and a vote on changes was put on hold to ensure the changes were not affected by Compact requirements. It does not appear that Compact requirements will impact individual state requirements for single state licenses, so the reduction action is before the Board again.

Additionally, the Board received a petition for rulemaking to remove requirement of CCCs for initial licensure in late 2022. In 2023, the Board did not take action on the petition at that time due to the same concern noted above that the Compact may conflict with the removal of such a requirement. Due to the ability of boards to issue a single state license, allowing an option to obtain initial licensure in Virginia using an alternative method will not impact Compact participation.

Action needed:

- Motion to adopt proposed regulatory amendments by fast-track action as discussed or amended by the Board.

Project 7473 - Fast-Track

Board of Audiology And Speech-Language Pathology

Regulatory Reduction 2023

18VAC30-21-30. Records; accuracy of information.

A. All changes of name, address of record, or public address, if different from the address of record, shall be furnished to the board within 30 days after the change occurs.

B. A licensee who has changed his name shall submit as legal proof to the board a copy of the marriage certificate, a certificate of naturalization, or a court order evidencing the change. A duplicate license with the changed name shall be issued by the board upon receipt of such evidence and the required fee.

~~C. All notices required by law and by this chapter to be mailed by the board to any licensee shall be validly served when mailed to the latest address of record on file with the board.~~

18VAC30-21-40. Fees required.

A. The following fees shall be paid as applicable for licensure:

1. Application for audiology or speech-language pathology license	\$135
2. Application for school speech-language pathology license	\$70
3. Verification of licensure requests from other states	\$20
4. Annual renewal of audiology or speech-language pathology license	\$75
5. Late renewal of audiology or speech-language pathology license	\$25
6. Annual renewal of school speech-language pathology license	\$40
7. Late renewal of school speech-language pathology license	\$15

8. Reinstatement of audiology or speech-language pathology license	\$135
9. Reinstatement of school speech-language pathology license	\$70
10. Duplicate wall certificate	\$25
11. Duplicate license	\$5
12. Handling fee for returned check or dishonored credit card or debit card	\$50
13. Inactive license renewal for audiology or speech-language pathology	\$40
14. Inactive license renewal for school speech-language pathology	\$20
15. Application for provisional license	\$50
16. Renewal of provisional license	\$25

B. Fees shall be made payable to the Treasurer of Virginia and shall not be refunded once submitted nonrefundable.

18VAC30-21-50. Application requirements.

A. A person seeking a provisional license or licensure as an audiologist, a speech-language pathologist, or a school speech-language pathologist shall submit:

1. A completed and signed application;
2. The applicable fee prescribed in 18VAC30-21-40, or in the case of an application for licensure as an audiologist, a speech-language pathologist, or a school speech-language pathologist issued a provisional license pursuant to 18VAC30-21-70 A, the difference between the provisional licensure fee and the application licensure fee;
3. Documentation as required by the board to determine if the applicant has met the qualifications for licensure;

- ~~4. An attestation that the applicant has read, understands, and will comply with the statutes and regulations governing the practice of audiology or speech language pathology; and~~
5. Verification of the status of the license or certification from each United States jurisdiction in which licensure or certification is held or has ever been held; and
6. A current report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Practitioner Data Bank.

B. An incomplete application package shall be retained by the board for a period of one year ~~from the date the application is received by the board~~. If an application is not completed within the year, an applicant shall reapply and pay a new application fee.

18VAC30-21-60. Qualifications for initial licensure.

A. The board may grant an initial license to an applicant for licensure in audiology or speech-language pathology who:

- ~~1. Holds a current and unrestricted Certificate of Clinical Competence issued by ASHA; or~~
- ~~2. Holds a current and unrestricted certification issued by the ABA or any other accrediting body recognized by the board and provides documentation of having passed the qualifying examination from an accrediting body recognized by the board; or~~
- ~~3. Provides documentation of (i) graduation from an audiology program accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of ASHA or an equivalent accrediting body as recognized by the board; and (ii) having passed the qualifying examination from an accrediting body recognized by the board. Submits evidence of the following:~~

a. Documentation of graduation from a program accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of ASHA or an equivalent accrediting body recognized by the board;

b. Passage of the qualifying examination from an accrediting body recognized by the board; and

c. [One year/six months/specified hours] of supervised practice as described in 18VAC30-21-70.

~~B. The board may grant an initial license to an applicant for licensure in speech-language pathology who holds a current and unrestricted Certificate of Clinical Competence issued by ASHA.~~

~~C. The board may grant a license to an applicant as a school speech-language pathologist who holds a master's degree in speech-language-pathology.~~

~~D. C. The board may refuse to issue a license to any applicant who has been determined to have committed an act in violation of 18VAC30-21-160.~~

18VAC30-21-70. Provisional licensure.

A. Provisional license to qualify for initial licensure. An applicant may be issued a provisional license in order to obtain clinical experience ~~required for certification by ASHA, ABA, or any other accrediting body recognized by the board~~ for initial licensure in Virginia. ~~To obtain a provisional license in order to qualify for initial licensure, the~~ The applicant shall submit documentation that he has:

1. Passed the qualifying examination from an accrediting body recognized by the board;
and

2. Either:

a. For provisional licensure in audiology, successfully completed all the didactic coursework required for the doctoral degree as documented by a college or university

whose audiology program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of ASHA or an equivalent accrediting body as recognized by the board; or

b. For provisional licensure in speech-language pathology, submission of documentation of graduation or evidence that the applicant successfully completed all the didactic coursework required for a graduate program in speech-language pathology as documented by a college or university whose program is accredited by the Council on Academic Accreditation of ASHA or an equivalent accrediting body as recognized by the board.

B. Provisional license to qualify for endorsement or reentry into practice. An applicant may be issued a provisional license in order to qualify for licensure by endorsement pursuant to 18VAC30-21-80, reactivation of an inactive license pursuant to subsection C of 18VAC30-21-110, or reinstatement of a lapsed license pursuant to subsection B of 18VAC30-21-120.

C. All provisional licenses shall expire ~~48~~ 24 months from the date of issuance and may be renewed for an additional ~~six~~ 12 months by submission of a renewal form and payment of a renewal fee. Renewal of a provisional license beyond ~~24~~ 36 months shall be for good cause shown.

~~D.~~ C. The holder of a provisional license in audiology shall only practice under the supervision of a licensed audiologist, and the holder of a provisional license in speech-language pathology shall only practice under the supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist. The provisional licensee shall be responsible and accountable for the safe performance of those direct client care tasks to which he has been assigned.

E. D Licensed audiologists or speech-language pathologists providing supervision shall:

1. Have an active, current license and at least three years of active practice as an audiologist or speech-language pathologist prior to providing supervision;

2. Document the frequency and nature of the supervision of provisional licensees;
3. Be responsible and accountable for the assignment of clients and tasks based on their assessment and evaluation of the provisional licensee's knowledge and skills; and
4. Monitor clinical performance and intervene if necessary for the safety and protection of the clients.

F. E. The identity of a provisional licensee shall be disclosed to the client prior to treatment and shall be made a part of the client's file.

18VAC30-21-80. Qualifications for licensure by endorsement.

A. An applicant for licensure in audiology or speech-language pathology who has been licensed in another United States jurisdiction ~~shall~~ may apply for licensure in Virginia in accordance with application requirements in 18VAC30-21-50 and shall submit documentation of: current active and unrestricted licensure in another United States jurisdiction and either:

1. Evidence of one year of active practice for at least one of the past three years; or
2. Evidence of six months of practice pursuant to a provisional license as described in 18VAC30-21-70 and submission of recommendation for licensure from the applicant's supervisor during practice as a provisional licensee.

~~1. Evidence of active practice in another United States jurisdiction for at least one of the past three years or practice for six months with a provisional license in accordance with 18VAC30-21-70 and by providing evidence of a recommendation for licensure by the applicant's supervisor. An applicant who graduated from an accredited program in audiology or speech-language pathology within 24 months immediately preceding application may be issued a license without evidence of active practice if the applicant holds a current and unrestricted Certificate of Clinical Competence in the area in which~~

~~the applicant seeks licensure issued by ASHA or certification issued by ABA or any other accrediting body recognized by the board; and~~

~~2. One of the following:~~

~~a. Ten continuing education hours for each year in which the applicant has been licensed in the other jurisdiction, not to exceed 30 hours, and passage of the qualifying examination from the accrediting body recognized by the board;~~

~~b. A current and unrestricted Certificate of Clinical Competence in the area in which the applicant seeks licensure issued by ASHA; or~~

~~c. A current and unrestricted certification issued by ABA and passage of the qualifying examination from the accrediting body recognized by the board.~~

B. The board may refuse to issue a license to any applicant who has been determined to have committed an act in violation of 18VAC30-21-160.

18VAC30-21-100. Continuing education requirements for renewal of an active license.

A. In order to renew an active license, a licensee shall complete at least 10 hours of continuing education prior to the renewal date each year. One hour of the 10 hours required for annual renewal may be satisfied through delivery of professional services, without compensation, to low-income individuals receiving health services through a local health department or a free clinic organized in whole or primarily for the delivery of those services. One hour of continuing education may be credited for three hours of providing such volunteer services, as documented by the health department or free clinic.

B. Continuing education shall be activities, programs, or courses related to audiology or speech-language pathology, depending on the license held, and offered or approved by one of the following accredited sponsors or organizations sanctioned by the profession:

- ~~1. The Speech Language Hearing Association of Virginia or a similar state speech language hearing association of another state;~~
- ~~2. The American Academy of Audiology;~~
- ~~3. The American Speech Language Hearing Association;~~
- ~~4. The Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education of the American Medical Association offering Category I continuing medical education;~~
- ~~5. Local, state, or federal government agencies;~~
- ~~6. Colleges and universities;~~
- ~~7. International Association of Continuing Education and Training; or~~
- ~~8. Health care organizations accredited by The Joint Commission or DNV GL Healthcare.~~

C. If the licensee is dually licensed by this board as an audiologist and speech-language pathologist, a total of no more than 15 hours of continuing education are required for renewal of both licenses with a minimum of 7.5 contact hours in each profession.

D. A licensee shall be exempt from the continuing education requirements for the first renewal following the date of initial licensure in Virginia under 18VAC30-21-60.

E. The licensee shall retain all continuing education documentation for a period of three years following the renewal of an active license. Documentation from the sponsor or organization shall include the title of the course, the name of the sponsoring organization, the date of the course, and the number of hours credited.

F. The board may grant an extension of the deadline for continuing education requirements, for up to one year, for good cause shown upon a written request from the licensee prior to the renewal date of each year.

G. The board may grant an exemption for all or part of the requirements for circumstances beyond the control of the licensee, such as temporary disability, mandatory military service, or officially declared disasters.

H. The board may periodically conduct an audit for compliance with continuing education requirements. Licensees selected for an audit conducted by the board shall provide all supporting documentation within 30 days of receiving notification of the audit.

I. Failure to comply with these requirements may subject the licensee to disciplinary action by the board.

18VAC30-21-110. Inactive licensure; reactivation and reinstatement for audiologists, speech-language pathologists, or school speech-language pathologists.

A. An audiologist, speech-language pathologist, or school speech-language pathologist who holds a current, unrestricted license in Virginia may, upon a request on the renewal application and submission of the required fee, be issued an inactive license. The holder of an inactive license shall not be required to maintain continuing education requirements and shall not be entitled to perform any act requiring a license to practice audiology or speech-language pathology in Virginia.

B. A licensee whose license has been inactive or has lapsed and who requests reactivation or reinstatement of an active license shall file an application, pay the prescribed fee, which for reactivation of an inactive license shall be the difference between the inactive and active renewal fees for the current year, and provide documentation of:

1. Current certification issued by ASHA or ABA; or
2. Completion of 10 continuing education hours equal to the requirement for the number of years in which the license has been inactive, not to exceed 30 contact hours.

3. A current report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Practitioner Data Bank.

~~C. A licensee who does not reactivate within five years shall meet the requirements of subsection B of this section and shall provide:~~

~~1. A current report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Practitioner Data Bank;~~

~~2. Verification of the status of any license or certification from each United States jurisdiction in which licensure or certification is held or has ever been held; and~~

~~3. Evidence of either:~~

~~a. Active practice for at least one of the past three years, or~~

~~b. Practice in accordance with 18VAC30-21-70 with a provisional license for six months and a recommendation for licensure from one's supervisor.~~

~~D. The board may deny a request for reactivation to any licensee who has been determined to have committed an act in violation of 18VAC30-21-160.~~

~~18VAC30-21-120. Reinstatement of a lapsed license for audiologists, speech-language pathologists, or school speech-language pathologists. (Repealed.)~~

~~A. A person may renew a lapsed license within one year of expiration by following the requirements for late renewal in subsection B of 18VAC30-21-90.~~

~~B. When a license has not been renewed within one year of the expiration date, a person may apply to reinstate his license by submission of reinstatement application, payment of the reinstatement fee, and submission of documentation of either:~~

~~1. A current Certificate of Clinical Competence issued by ASHA or certification issued by ABA or any other accrediting body recognized by the board; or~~

~~2. At least 10 continuing education hours for each year the license has been lapsed, not to exceed 30 contact hours, obtained during the time the license in Virginia was lapsed.~~

~~C. A licensee who does not reinstate within five years shall meet the requirements of subsection B of this section and shall provide:~~

~~1. A current report from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB);~~

~~2. Verification of the status of any license or certification from each United States jurisdiction in which licensure or certification is or has ever been held; and~~

~~3. Evidence of either:~~

~~a. Active practice for at least one of the past three years; or~~

~~b. Practice in accordance with 18VAC30-21-70 with a provisional license for six months and a recommendation for licensure from one's supervisor.~~

~~D. The board may deny a request for reinstatement to any licensee who has been determined to have committed an act in violation of 18VAC30-21-160.~~

18VAC30-21-141. Recordkeeping.

A licensee shall:

~~1. Comply with provisions of § 32.1-127.1:03 of the Code of Virginia related to the confidentiality and disclosure of client records or related to provision of client records to another practitioner or to the client or the client's personal representative.~~

~~2. Properly manage and keep timely, accurate, legible, and complete client records, to include the following:~~

~~a1. For licensees who are employed by a health care institution, school system, or other entity, in which the individual practitioner does not own or maintain the~~

practitioner's own records, failure to maintain client records in accordance with the policies and procedures of the employing entity; or

~~b~~2. For licensees who are self-employed or employed by an entity in which the individual practitioner does own and is responsible for client records, failure to maintain a client record for a minimum of six years following the last client encounter with the following exceptions:

~~(1)~~a. For records of a minor child, the minimum time is six years from the last client encounter or until the child reaches the age of 18 years or becomes emancipated, whichever is longer; or

~~(2)~~b. Records that have previously been transferred to another practitioner or health care provider or provided to the client or the client's personal representative as documented in a record or database maintained for a minimum of six years.

~~3. Comply with requirements of § 54.1-2405 of the Code of Virginia for notification and transfer of patient records in conjunction with closure, sale, or relocation of one's practice.~~

18VAC30-21-150. Prohibited conduct. (Repealed.)

~~A. No person, unless otherwise licensed to do so, shall prepare, order, dispense, alter, or repair hearing aids or parts of or attachments to hearing aids for consideration. However, audiologists licensed under this chapter may make earmold impressions and prepare and alter earmolds for clinical use and research.~~

~~B. No person licensed as a school speech-language pathologist shall conduct the practice of speech-language pathology outside of the public school setting.~~

18VAC30-21-160. Unprofessional conduct.

The board may refuse to issue a license to any applicant, suspend a license for a stated period of time or indefinitely, reprimand a licensee or place his license on probation with such terms and conditions and for such time as it may designate, impose a monetary penalty, or revoke a license for any of the following:

1. Guarantee of the results of any speech, voice, language, or hearing consultative or therapeutic procedure or exploitation of clients by accepting them for treatment when benefit cannot reasonably be expected to occur or by continuing treatment unnecessarily;
2. Diagnosis or treatment of speech, voice, language, and hearing disorders solely by written correspondence, provided this shall not preclude:
 - a. Follow-up by written correspondence or electronic communication concerning individuals previously seen; or
 - b. Providing clients with general information of an educational nature;
- ~~3. Failure to comply with provisions of § 32.1-127.1:03 of the Code of Virginia related to the confidentiality and disclosure of client records or related to provision of client records to another practitioner or to the client or his personal representative;~~
4. Engaging or attempting to engage in a relationship with a client that constitutes a professional boundary violation in which the practitioner uses his professional position to take advantage of the vulnerability of a client or a client's family, including sexual misconduct with a client or a member of the client's family or other conduct that results or could result in personal gain at the expense of the client;
5. Incompetence or negligence in the practice of the profession;

6. Failure to comply with applicable state and federal statutes or regulations specifying the consultations and examinations required prior to the fitting of a new or replacement prosthetic aid for any communicatively impaired person;
7. Failure to refer a client to an appropriate health care practitioner when there is evidence of an impairment for which assessment, evaluation, care, or treatment might be necessary;
8. Failure to supervise persons who assist in the practice of audiology or speech-language pathology as well as failure to disclose the use and identity of unlicensed assistants;
9. Conviction of a felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude;
10. Violating or cooperating with others in violating any of the provisions of Chapter 1 (§ 54.1-100 et seq.), 24 (§ 54.1-2400 et seq.), or 26 (§ 54.1-2600 et seq.) of Title 54 of the Code of Virginia or the regulations of the board;
11. Publishing or causing to be published in any manner an advertisement relating to his professional practice that is false, deceptive, or misleading;
12. Inability to practice with skill and safety;
13. Fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation in provision of documentation or information to the board or in the practice of audiology or speech-language pathology;
14. Aiding and abetting unlicensed activity; or
15. Revocation, suspension, restriction, or any other discipline of a license or certificate to practice or surrender of license or certificate while an investigation or administrative proceedings are pending in another regulatory agency in Virginia or another jurisdiction.



Secretariat Health and Human Resources

Agency Department of Health Professions

Board Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

Edit Petition

Petition 379

Petition Information	
Petition Title	Eliminate requirement that initial licensure applicants hold a certificate of clinical competence
Date Filed	12/8/2022 [Transmittal Sheet]
Petitioner	Suzanne Dailey
Petitioner's Request	The petitioner requests that the Board amend 18VAC30-21-60(A)(1) to eliminate the requirement that initial licensure applicants hold a Certificate of Clinical Competence issued by ASHA, replacing that requirement with a requirement to hold a master's degree in speech-language pathology, communication disorders, speech and hearing science, or equivalent.
Agency's Plan	The petition for rulemaking will be published in the Virginia Register of Regulations on January 2, 2023. The petition will also be published on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall at www.townhall.virginia.gov to receive public comment, which will open on January 2, 2023 and will close on February 1, 2023. The Board will consider the petition and all comments in support or opposition at the next meeting after the close of public comment, currently scheduled for March 14, 2023. The petitioner will be notified of the Board's decision after that meeting.
Comment Period	Began 1/2/2023 Ended 2/1/2023 39 comments
Virginia Register Announcement	Submitted on 12/8/2022 The Virginia Register of Regulations Published on: 1/2/2023 Volume: 39 Issue: 10
Agency Decision	Take no action [Transmittal Sheet]
Response Date	3/14/2023
Decision Publication Date	Published on: 4/10/2023 Volume: 39 Issue: 17

Agency Decision Summary	The Board considered this petition at its March 14, 2023 meeting. The Board decided to take no action on the petition due to the recent passage of legislation entering Virginia into the ASLP Compact. The requirements of the Compact are unknown, and the Board declined to begin a regulatory process related to licensure requirements prior to the Compact determining and communicating requirements for licensure in member states.
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Perimeter Center Security Enhancements

Expect the Check
July 1st, 2024

Valeria Quimpo & Anna Badgley

What is Expect the Check?

Beginning July 1st, 2024, the Department of General Services Office of Security & Event Services will enhance security and ID verification in the Perimeter Center building to mirror protocols used in the seat of government.

All tenants and visitors of the Perimeter Center will need to “Expect the Check” when accessing the facility. These protocols will help to verify employees via their state issued ID badges, keep visitors from being unescorted/unattended throughout the building and provide screening of all persons entering the Perimeter Center.

What are the New Protocols?

1. 100% Screening of Employees and Visitors

- X-ray machines, magnetometers and hand-held metal detector wands will be located at the 1st floor main entrance and 2nd floor west conference center entrance.
- Prohibited items include guns, knives (pocketknives 3 inches or less are allowed), razors/bladed weapons, stun guns/tasers and tools such as screw drives, etc.
- Contractors entering the building, should leave all tools in their vehicles or they will be asked to take them back to their vehicles by security at the screening stations.
- Guns are prohibited by VA Code section 18.2-308.2.2 with exceptions made for law enforcement officers and certain other professions that require they carry a gun on duty (defined in the code section).

What are the New Protocols?

2. 100% Authorization/Verification for Visitors

- Employees with state-issued ID badges who work in the Perimeter Center will swipe their cards at the security desks located at the two entrances upon entry to authenticate that their card is valid.
- State employees or contractors with ID badges who do not work in the Perimeter Center, must sign in with security but do not need to be escorted.
- All contractors must possess appropriate clearance to work in the Perimeter Center and wear the appropriate ID badges at all times.
- All other visitors must sign in and be escorted at all times. Visitor hours are from 8:15am until 5:00pm.
- For scheduled visits, the security officers will contact the visitor's point of contact, who must come to the security desk to receive the guest, escort them at all times, and sign them out upon departure.

What are the New Protocols?

3. Limiting of the Number of Building Entrances

- The Perimeter Center building will have two designated entrances for both employees and visitors to use. The first-floor primary entrance and the secondary entrance located on the 2nd floor west end of the building leading to the conference center.
- Some doors currently accessible by employees will be limited to required personnel only, such as the facilities team and security.
- The doors not designated as the primary or secondary entrance will be locked down and utilized only as emergency exits.
 - No exit/entry from the rear patio**
 - No exit/entry from the covered west entry door**
 - No exit/entry from the loading dock, except for delivery drives**

What are the New Protocols?

4. Limiting of After-Hours/Weekend Building Access

- As part of the “Expect the Check” protocols, the number of employees who will have access to the Perimeter Center after business hours and on weekends when screening/security efforts are not in place will be limited. Operations Officer will communicate with agency leadership to request employees after-hours/weekend access exceptions.
- Agency Head will approve list and Operations Officer will submit the list to DGS with the names of individuals who require access to the Perimeter Center outside standard work hours of 7:30am – 5:30pm, Monday through Friday.
- All other employee’s badges will work only during those hours.

What are the Physical Security Upgrades?

- Purchase two x-ray machines.
- Purchase two walk-through magnetometers.
- Purchase two handheld metal detectors.
- Install video intercoms, workstations & card readers at security desks at the first-floor and second-floor entrances and the loading dock.
- Additional Security Officers – One Assistant Supervisor and two security screeners for the first-floor and second-floor entrances and the loading dock.
- Landlord (RMR) will program elevators to access with badge only.

These baseline security measures are similar to those employed in other DGS-owned and controlled facilities in the Capitol District.

Why is workplace security important?

- Security in the workplace keeps our employees and physical offices safe from harm.
- Protects all of the physical assets in the workplace, such as our employees, our equipment, our visitors, and our office.
- Workplace security controls access to our building.
- Keeps you compliant. Many compliance regulations deal closely with the safety and security of your people and assets.



Phased Implementation

- July 1st x-ray machines, magnetometers and metal detectors will arrive and be installed.
- The following weeks, DGS will coordinate delivery of additional equipment such as computers, intercoms and card readers.
- A new badge system will come in the fall, around September, and new badges will be issued to include after-hours and weekend accesses.
- DHP staff point of contact:
Security – Valeria S. Ribeiro-Quimpo – Procurement Manager
Badges – Anna Badgley – Operations Officer

AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

2025 CALENDAR

April 8, 2025 (Tuesday)	BR_4_ 9:00 AM	BOARD MEETING
May 13, 2025 (Tuesday)	BR_1_ HR_1_ & _3_	INFORMAL CONFERENCE(S)
July 8, 2025 (Tuesday)	BR_3_ 9:00 AM	BOARD MEETING
October 7, 2025 (Tuesday)	BR_3_ HR_1_ & _3_	INFORMAL CONFERENCE(S)
December 9, 2025 (Tuesday)	BR_3_ 9:00 AM	BOARD MEETING

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Speech Pathology/Audiology Monthly Snapshot for May 2024

Speech Pathology/Audiology closed more cases in May than received. Speech Pathology/Audiology closed 2 patient care cases and 1 non-patient care case for a total of 3 cases.

Cases Closed	
Patient Care	2
Non-Patient Care	1
Total	3

Speech Pathology/Audiology has received 0 patient care cases and 0 non-patient care cases for a total of 0 cases.

Cases Received	
Patient Care	0
Non-Patient Care	0
Total	0

As of May 31, 2024 there were 15 patient care cases open and 1 non-patient care case open for a total of 16 cases.

Cases Open	
Patient Care	15
Non-Patient Care	1
Total	16

There are 6,381 Speech Pathology/Audiology licensees as of May 31, 2024. The number of current licenses are broken down by profession in the following chart.

Current Licenses	
Audiologist	611
School Speech-Language Pathologist	364
Speech-Language Pathologist	5,406
Total for Speech Pathology/Audiology	6,381

There were 137 licenses issued for Speech Pathology/Audiology for the month of May. The number of licenses issued are broken down by profession in the following chart.

Licenses Issued	
Audiologist	8
Provisional Speech-Language Pathologist	81
School Speech-Language Pathologist	1
Speech-Language Pathologist	47
Total for Speech Pathology/Audiology	137

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
BYLAWS**

ARTICLE I: GENERAL

The organizational year for the Board shall be from July 1st through June 30th. At the first board meeting of the organizational year, the Board shall elect from its members a Chair and Vice-Chair with an effective date of January 1st. The term of office shall be one year.

For purposes of these Bylaws, the Board schedules three full board meetings in each year with the right to change the date or cancel any board meeting, with the exception that a minimum of one meeting shall take place annually. Board members shall attend all board meetings in person, unless prevented by illness or similar unavoidable cause. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, revised, shall apply unless overruled by these bylaws or when otherwise agreed.

Members shall attend all scheduled meetings of the Board and committee to which they serve. In the event of two consecutive unexcused absences at any meeting of the Board or its committees, the Chair shall make a recommendation to the Director of the Department of Health Professions for referral to the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and Secretary of the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE II: OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

1. The Chair presides at all meetings and formal administrative hearings in accordance with parliamentary rules and the Administrative Process Act, and requires adherence of it on the part of the board members. The Chair shall appoint all committees and committee chairpersons unless otherwise ordered by the Board.
2. The Vice-Chair shall act as Chair in the absence of the Chair.
3. In the absence of both the Chair and Vice-Chair, the Chair shall appoint another board member to preside at the meeting and/or formal administrative hearing.
4. The Executive Director shall be the custodian of all Board records and all papers of value. She/He shall preserve a correct list of all applicants and licensees. She/He shall manage the correspondence of the Board and shall perform all such other duties as naturally pertain to this position.