

**APPROVED**  
**LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY COMMITTEE**  
**BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE**  
**PATHOLOGY**

Monday, March 29, 2004  
6603 West Broad Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Conference Room 1  
Richmond, Virginia 23230

Department of Health Professions

**CALL TO ORDER:** A meeting of the Legislative/Regulatory Committee of Virginia Board Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology's was called to order at 9:17 a.m.

**PRESIDING:** Dr. Michael Ridenhour, Audiologist, Chair

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. Susan Chadwick, Audiologist  
Dr. Katrina Eid, Speech-Language Pathologist

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Robin R. Holley Duke  
Holly J. Meadows  
Angela W. Moss

**STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth Young, Executive Director  
Aesha Brandy, Administrative Assistant  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst of DHP

**OTHER PRESENT:** Bet Neale, Lobbyist, SHAV

**QUORUM:** With 3 members of the Committee present, a quorum was established.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No requests were received.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: HB 577:** Elaine Yeatts provided an update of the agency related legislation of the 2004 Virginia General Assembly. She specifically addressed House Bill 319, House Bill 358, House Bill 577, House Bill 855, and House Bill 875.

**AUDIOLOGISTS TO DISPENSE HEARING AIDS PROPOSAL:** Ms. Young presented the committee a draft legislation of Audiologists dispensing hearing aids. On a properly seconded motion by Dr. Ridenhour the committee agreed to amend proposal to change 54.1-2603 changed to reflect one board member shall have both and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensing License.

**TITLE PROTECTION** Ms. Young presented to the committee a draft legislation

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**PROPOSAL:** for title protection for SLP's. The committee directed staff to call DOE for information.

**LICENSURE PRIOR TO CLINICAL FELLOWSHIP YEAR:** The Committee discussed the current regulation of licensure prior to the clinical fellowship year. The Committee also discussed public protection issues of licensing individuals prior to a clinical fellowship. Residency within the medical profession was provided as an example of a temporary license prior to final examination and including a training program. The Committee requested the Executive Director to seek an opinion from Board counsel regarding 54.1-2603 and if it allows the Board to create a temporary license occupation. Also, the Committee voted to recommend to the Board to support a new notice of regulatory action to establish a temporary license occupation. The Committee recommended that the license only exist for 12 months after the completion of the coursework required for completion of a Master's degree and prior to completion of residency (meaning a fellowship year) requirement. There would be only one renewal period of an additional 12 months. On a properly seconded motion by Dr. Eid the committee agreed to have draft legislation on a limited license presented at the May Board meeting.

**PROPOSED INCREASE REGULATIONS:** **FEE** On a properly seconded motion by Dr. Eid, the committee agreed to submit all public comment to the full board for review at its May meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

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Michael Ridenhour, Au.D., Chair

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Elizabeth Young, Executive Director

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