

APPROVED MINUTES

**BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
MEETING MINUTES**

The Virginia Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology met on Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Conference Room #1, Richmond, Virginia. The following members were present:

Susan G. Chadwick, Au.D.
Kenneth Cox, Au.D.
Sally Jones-McNamara, MCS, CCC-SLP, CCP
Angela W. Moss, MA CCC-SLP
Mary Kay Wakefield

The following members were absent:

Geoffrey T. Harter, M.D.
Ronald Spencer, RN

DHP staff present for all or part of the meeting included:

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director
Sandra Whitley Ryals, Director
Amy Marschean, Senior Assistant Attorney General
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Annie B. Artis, Licensure Operations Manager
Rashaun K. Minor, Discipline Operations Manager

Guests Present:

William H. Ferguson, II, Executive Director –DPOR, Board of Hearing Aid
Specialists
Woodford A. Beach, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

CALLED TO ORDER

Dr. Chadwick, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.

ORDERING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was amended to add consideration of the NOIRA regarding licensure of audiologists and discussion of credentialing.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Dr. Chadwick asked for public comment.

There was no public comment.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Ms. Wakefield and seconded by Ms. Moss the Board voted to approve the September 17, 2007 board meeting minutes.

The members voting 'yes' were Dr. Chadwick, Dr. Cox, Ms. Jones-McNamara, Ms. Moss, and Ms. Wakefield. There were no negative votes. The vote passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Ms. Moss and seconded by Dr. Cox the Board voted to approve the September 17, 2007 informal conference committee meeting minutes.

The members voting 'yes' were Dr. Chadwick, Dr. Cox, Ms. Jones-McNamara, Ms. Moss, and Ms. Wakefield. There were no negative votes. The vote passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Dr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Jones-McNamara the Board voted to approve the November 7, 2007 informal conference committee meeting minutes.

The members voting 'yes' were Dr. Chadwick, Dr. Cox, Ms. Jones-McNamara, Ms. Moss, and Ms. Wakefield. There were no negative votes. The vote passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Ms. Wakefield and seconded by Ms. Moss the Board voted to approve the November 7, 2007 formal administrative hearing minutes.

The members voting 'yes' were Dr. Chadwick, Dr. Cox, Ms. Jones-McNamara, Ms. Moss, and Ms. Wakefield. There were no negative votes. The vote passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Ms. Moss and seconded by Dr. Cox the Board voted to approve the February 20, 2008 informal conference committee meeting minutes.

The members voting 'yes' were Dr. Chadwick, Dr. Cox, Ms. Jones-McNamara, Ms. Moss, and Ms. Wakefield. There were no negative votes. The vote passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Agency Director's Report – Ms. Sandra Whitley Ryals

Ms. Ryals informed the Board that the travel restrictions were still in effect for non-discretionary spending; all out-of-state travel must be approved by the Secretary. She stated that Enforcement and Administrative Proceedings Division will be receiving new

positions. Ms. Ryals thanked Ms. Hahn and staff for doing a superb job. She stated Ms. Hahn has taken on another board, Funeral Directors and Embalmers.

Ms. Ryals stated in regard to key performance measures in the area of patient care cases, 90% have been resolved within 250 days. Ms. Ryals stated that in October, 2006, system improvements were made and the process of blitzing old cases began in January, 2008. Ms. Ryals stated that major emphasis has been placed on blitzing of old cases.

Ms. Ryals stated that as a result of this major blitzing, 1,600 cases have been closed. She stated that Neal Kauder, President and CEO of Visual Research has been contracted by the Agency to research and provide an analysis of cases.

Ms. Hahn stated that the Agency has achieved significant results and success in moving the Agency's heavy case load and back-log due to the dedication and leadership under Ms. Ryals.

Ms. Ryals thanked Ms. Hahn and stated that re-deployment of the compliance division was another tool used to review processes. She stated that Ms. Hahn led the re-deployment efforts which as a result, the Agency's resources were more efficiently utilized.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Ms. Lisa R. Hahn

Licensee Statistics

Ms. Hahn reported there are currently 405 audiologists, 104 school speech-language pathologists, 2,334 speech-language pathologists, for a total of 2,843 licensees.

Disciplinary Cases

Ms. Hahn reported that the Board has 14 open disciplinary cases, 5 cases are at the investigative level, 4 cases are in probable cause, 4 cases are at the administrative proceedings level and 1 case is at the informal level. She stated that currently probable cause cases are being resolved within 60 days, which means that 100% goal in compliance has been achieved.

Virginia Performs

Ms. Hahn stated that the Board achieved 100% goal for customer satisfaction. She also stated that the 100% goal of issuing licenses to applicants within 30 days or less has been achieved. Ms. Hahn stated that statistics are not available at this time in regard to the 250 day resolution; therefore, the report will be given at the next board meeting.

Budget

Ms. Hahn provided the Revenue and Expenditure summary for the period ending February 29, 2008. She reported a negative cash balance of \$53,499 as of June 30, 2007. Ms. Hahn stated that the year-to-date revenues for fiscal year 2007 were \$223,180. The direct and allocated expenditures for FY08 are \$114,979 and the cash balance as of February 29, 2008 was \$54,703. Ms. Hahn reported the cash balance as of March 31, 2008 is \$42,127. She concluded that it appears the board should end this fiscal year with a positive cash balance.

Calendar

Ms. Hahn provided the dates for the upcoming Board meetings; July 10, 2008 and October 9, 2008.

Newsletter

Ms. Hahn asked the Board members to review the newsletter and submit any changes and corrections as soon as possible. Ms. Wakefield stated as a citizen member she understood the articles and liked the layout of the newsletter. Ms. Jones-McNamara asked that the credentials be corrected and also suggested that a copy of the newsletter be sent to Marie Ireland who is with State Department of Education. Dr. Chadwick asked that AAA be removed from the sentence regarding provisional licensure.

Ms. Hahn stated that the newsletter will be placed on the agency website. She thanked Ms. Minor for developing the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Adoption of Proposed Regulations regarding Endorsement and Reinstatement

Ms. Yeatts gave an overview of the proposed regulations regarding endorsement and reinstatement.

18VAC30-20-160. Reinstatement of lapsed license.

- C. An applicant for reinstatement in audiology who does not meet one of the qualifications of subsection B may qualify for reinstatement by practice under supervision with a provisional license for six months and a recommendation for reinstatement by his supervisor. The board may issue a provisional license to an applicant who can provide evidence of having met the applicable educational qualifications prescribed in section 170 and passage of the qualifying examination at the time of initial licensure. Provisional licensure shall be practiced in accordance with subsections C, D, and E of section 171.

18VAC30-20-185. Licensure by endorsement.

- C. An applicant for licensure by endorsement in audiology who does not meet one of the qualifications of subsection B may qualify for endorsement by practice under supervision with a provisional license for six months and a recommendation for licensure by his supervisor. The board may issue a provisional license to an applicant who can provide evidence of having met the educational qualifications prescribed in section 170 and passage of the qualifying examination at the time of initial licensure. Provisional licensure shall be practiced in accordance with subsection C, D, and E of section 171.

Upon a motion by Ms. Moss and seconded by Ms. Jones-McNamara the Board voted to adopt and accept the proposed regulations regarding endorsement and reinstatement with the recommended amendments.

The members voting 'yes' were Dr. Chadwick, Dr. Cox, Ms. Jones-McNamara, Ms. Moss, and Ms. Wakefield. There were no negative votes. The vote passed unanimously.

Regulatory and Legislative

Ms. Yeatts stated there was no report regarding the regulations. She stated the regulations were revised and went into effect on February 20, 2008.

Request for Statutory Change – Woodford A. Beach, Ph.D., CCC-SLP

Dr. Beach, petitioned the Board to change 8.01-581.1 to include speech-language pathologists and audiologists or seek to change Rule 4:10 to reference a more complete listing of health care providers.

Upon a motion by Ms. Moss and seconded by Ms. Jones-McNamara the Board voted to pursue a legislative change 8.01-581.1 to include speech-language pathologists and audiologists and have the agency reference a more complete listing of health care providers under Rule 4:10.

The members voting 'yes' were Dr. Chadwick, Dr. Cox, Ms. Jones-McNamara, Ms. Moss, and Ms. Wakefield. There were no negative votes. The vote passed unanimously.

Break

The Board recessed at 11:45 am.

Re-convene

The Board re-convened at 12:30 p.m.

Consideration of NOIRA

Consideration of the NOIRA was discussed but no action was taken.

Credentialing

Ms. Hahn asked the Board if supervision of clinical practice, teaching, and clinical supervision and research could be considered as actively engaged in the practice of the profession.

Upon a motion by Ms. Jones-McNamara and seconded by Ms. Moss the Board voted to accept supervision of clinical practice, teaching, clinical supervision, and research as actively engaged practice in the profession of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

The members voting 'yes' were Dr. Chadwick, Dr. Cox, Ms. Jones-McNamara, Ms. Moss, and Ms. Wakefield. There were no negative votes. The vote passed unanimously.

Other Discussion

Upon a motion by Ms. Moss and seconded by Ms. Jones-McNamara the Board voted to create a sub-committee of the Board to discuss qualifications required by other states for Audiology licensure and/or provisional Audiology license.

The members voting 'yes' were Dr. Chadwick, Dr. Cox, Ms. Jones-McNamara, Ms. Moss, and Ms. Wakefield. There were no negative votes. The vote passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With all business concluded, Dr. Chadwick adjourned the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Susan G. Chadwick Au.D., Chair

Lisa R. Hahn, Executive Director

Date

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