

**BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
MEETING MINUTES
July 30, 2019**

TIME AND PLACE: The Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (Board) meeting was called to order at 10:27 a.m. on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at the Department of Health Professions (DHP), Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, 2nd Floor, Board Room 3, Henrico, Virginia.

PRESIDING OFFICER: Angela W. Moss, MA, CCC-SLP

MEMBERS PRESENT: Melissa A. McNichol, Au.D., CCC-A
Corliss V. Booker, Ph.D., APRN, FNP-BC
Bradley W. Kesser, M.D.
Alison Ruth King, Ph.D., CCC-SLP
Erin G. Piker, Au.D., Ph.D., CCC-A
Kyttra Burge, Citizen Member

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: All members present

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

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie L. Knachel, Executive Director
Charis Mitchell, Assistant Attorney General, Board Counsel
Kelli Moss, Deputy Executive Director
Anthony Morales, Licensing Operations Manager
David E. Brown, D.C. – Agency Director
Elaine Yeatts - Senior Policy Analyst
Lena Moore – Administrative Assistant
Laura Paasch - Administrative Assistant
Elizabeth Carter, Ph.D., Director, Healthcare Workforce Data Center (HWDC)
Yetty Shobo, Ph.D., Deputy Director, HWDC

OTHERS PRESENT: Jerry J. Gentile – Planning & Budget

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment was presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Dr. Booker moved to approve the meeting minutes for the following meetings:

- February 19, 2019 – Full Board; and
- June 3, 2019 - Regulatory Advisory Panel on Telepractice

The motion was seconded and carried.

DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Dr. Brown provided an update on agency activities including the roll out of updates to the main DHP website. He indicated that the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology’s website will be updated in the near future.

LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY UPDATE: Legislative Update

Ms. Yeatts stated that HB2228 which became effective on July 1, 2019, provides for the staggering of one SLP board member appointment. This legislation will help ensure better continuity by not having the same term expiration for the four licensees of the Board.

Ms. Yeatts mentioned the work being conducted by the Joint Commission on Health Care related to language assessment for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. She indicated that both she and Ms. Knachel had spoken with the staff appointed to conduct the study to answer questions and provide information. At this time there is no further role for the Board in the study, but Ms. Knachel continues to monitor the information provided by the study's staff.

Petition for Rulemaking

Ms. Yeatts reviewed the petition with the Board. She indicated that the Board could move forward with a fast track regulatory action if it approved the petition.

Dr. Booker moved to accept the petition to add Det Norske Vertias Healthcare, Inc. to the list of accredited sponsors or organizations that may offer or approve continuing education courses or programs as a fast track action and to change the reference to the Joint Commission to reflect its current name.

The motion was seconded and carried.

Regulatory Action

Ms. Yeatts stated that a regulatory change was needed to fix an issue with licensure by endorsement. She reviewed the suggested change.

Dr. Piker moved to accept the amendment to the regulations as a fast track action

The motion was seconded and carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Healthcare Workforce Data Center (HWDC) Survey

Dr. Carter and Dr. Shobo presented the results of the HWDC's 2018 survey of Virginia's Audiologist and Speech-Language Pathologist's Workforce to the Board.

Review of Guidance Document 30-1: Telepractice

Ms. Knachel reported to the Board that the Regulatory Advisory Panel (RAP) on Telepractice met on June 3, 2019, to discuss how to proceed with questions related to telepractice. She indicated the RAP reviewed documentation from other states and opted to proceed with a guidance document. The board discussed the draft document.

Ms. Burge moved to accept the revised draft of Guidance Document 30-1 as presented.

The motion was seconded and carried.

ASHA Certificate Changes

Ms. Knachel provided the ASHA Certificate of Clinical Competency changes that go into effect January 1, 2020.

Continuing Education Audit Update

Ms. Knachel indicated that the CE audit will begin in the near future.

BOARD MEMBER TRAINING:

Use of Electronic Equipment in the Discipline Process

Ms. Kelli Moss provided a presentation on the use of electronic equipment in the disciplinary process.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT:

Ms. Mitchell had nothing to report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Ms. Moss had nothing to report.

**BOARD OF HEALTH
PROFESSIONS' REPORT:**

Dr. King spoke on the updated activities of the Board of Health Professions.

STAFF REPORTS:

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Knachel provided information on the following:

- Licensure and budget statistics.
- Ms. Kelli Moss and Dr. Piker will be attending the annual meeting of the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology in San Antonio, TX; and
- Status of the Speech-Language Pathology/Audiology licensure compact.

Discipline Report – Ms. Moss

Ms. Kelli Moss provided an overview of the caseload statistics.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board Elections

Board Chair

Dr. Booker nominated Ms. Moss, which was seconded.

Dr. Kesser nominated Dr. McNichol, which was seconded.

Mr. Morales conducted a roll-call vote. Ms. Moss announced that Dr. McNichol was elected Chair by a 4-to-3 vote.

Board Vice-Chair

Ms. Burge nominated Ms. Moss, which was seconded.

Dr. McNichol nominated Dr. Piker, which was seconded.

Mr. Morales conducted a roll-call vote. Ms. Moss announced that she was elected Vice-Chair by a 5-to-2 vote.

NEXT MEETING:

The next scheduled full board meeting is November 12, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Angela W. Moss

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Chair

7/30/2019

Date

Leslie L. Knachel

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

February 25, 2020

Date