

BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY & SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

June 15, 2020

9:00am to 12:00pm

OPEN SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0615-01	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>Board Chairperson Kristen Spivey called the meeting to order at 9:26am and a quorum was maintained.</p> <p>A. Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristen Spivey- Present • Dr. Angela Grice- Present • Stephanie Marshall- Present • Robert Traina- Not Present <p>B. Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aisha Nixon, Executive Director- Present • Panavee Vongjaroenrat, Board Attorney- Present • Patrick O’Neil, Legal Intern- Present • Rebecca Odrick, Board Investigator- Present • Ashley Balma, Health Licensing Specialist- Present <p>C. ASL Interpreters</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emma Taylor • Erin Murray <p>D. Visitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jane Hayashi-Kim, Speech Language Pathologist
OS-0615-02	<p>Board Action: Acceptance of Agenda for June 15, 2020</p> <p>Motion: A motion to accept the agenda for June 15, 2020 was made by Stephanie Marshall. The motion was seconded by Dr. Angela Grice.</p> <p>Kristen Spivey, Dr. Angela Grice and Stephanie Marshall all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS	
OS-0615-03	<p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>Executive Director Ms. Aisha Nixon welcomed all board members, staff and visitors to the meeting. Ms. Nixon informed the board that due to COVID-19, all board meetings will be held virtually via the Cisco WebEx platform.</p> <p>The current licensure census for the Board is as follows Total Active Licensees: 1,000 Audiologists: 125 Audiologist Assistants: 3 Clinical Fellows: 37 Speech Language Pathologists: 816 Speech Language Pathologists Assistants: 19</p> <p>Currently the Department of Health is following closely to CDC Guidelines to ensure social distancing measures to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. With this all staff are currently working remotely.</p>
OS-0615-04	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>No Report</p>
OS-0615-05	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRS’S REPORT:</u></p> <p>No Report</p>
OS-0615-06	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the March 16, 2020 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: The motion to accept the Open Session Meeting Minutes from March 16, 2020 was made by Stephanie Marshall. This motion was seconded by Dr. Angela Grice.</p> <p>Kristen Spivey, Dr. Angela Grice, Stephanie Marshall all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0615-07

TELEHEALTH

Board Action:

To review the current telehealth guidelines as it relates to scope of practice and supervision of students, interns, audiology assistants, speech-language pathology assistants, and speech-language clinical fellows.

Background:

In March of 2020, The Mayor and Director of the Health Department issued a Telehealth Waiver for Health Care Professionals in good standing with another state or jurisdiction permission to provide telehealth services to residents residing in the District of Columbia due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic social distancing efforts of reducing the spread of the virus.

Motion:

The motion to reduce the number of CEUs for the 2020 renewal period to a total of ten (10) CEUs, which shall include 2 LGBTQ hours, 1 Ethical hour, and (10%) of the public health priorities was made by Stephanie Marshall. The motion was seconded by Dr. Angela Grice.

Kristen Spivey, Dr. Angela Grice and Stephanie Marshall voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

OS-0615-08

POST COVID-19

Board Action:

Discuss possible telehealth policy/regulations that can be implement in the future.

Background:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor issued an Administrative Order that waived licensure requirements and for the allowance of telehealth. The Office of Health Professional Licensing would like all the Boards to look at drafting regulations to address the role telehealth will play in the District post COVID-19.

Motion:

No motion, FYI only.

OS-0615-09	<p><u>WORKFORCE SURVEY</u></p> <p>Board Action: To provide feedback regarding core questions related to the profession.</p> <p>Background: The Health Regulation and Licensing Administration plans to incorporate workforce surveys during renewals for all professions. The Workforce Survey is used to capture the distribution of healthcare providers across the District and obtain feedback regarding hot topics related to your profession.</p> <p>Motion: No Motion, FYI only.</p>
OS-0615-10	<p><u>FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY APPLICANTS/LICENSEES</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review and provide feedback regarding frequently asked questions.</p> <p>Background: The team has been given the opportunity to create a FAQ section on the Board's current webpage. This FAQ section will allow applicants and licensees the ability to get information in a timely manner. The FAQ section consist of questions that our Health Licensing Specialist are frequently asked</p> <p>Motion: No Motion, FYI only.</p>
OS-0615-11	<p><u>ETS PRAXIS AUDIOLOGY EXAM</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the update on the Praxis Exam for Audiology. This is for informational purposes only.</p> <p>Background: The Praxis Audiology Exam will be changing in September 2020. The current praxis Audiology test has been regenerated and will be replaced by the Praxis Audiology 5343 test. This exam now aligns with the 2020 standards and implementation procedures for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology, approved by the Council for Clinical Certification in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology (CFCC) of the American Speech Language Hearing Association (ASHA).</p> <p>Motion: No Motion, FYI only.</p>

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OS-0615-11	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p>Board Action: To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p>Background: Upon conclusion of the open session meeting and pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575(b) and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.</p> <p>Motion: The motion to close the open session meeting and begin the closed session portion of the meeting was made at 10:58am by Stephanie Marshall. The motion was seconded by Dr. Angela Grice</p> <p>Kristen Spivey, Dr. Angela Grice, and Stephanie Marshall voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
OS-0615-12	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p>Board Action: To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Background: At the end of every meeting, a motion to adjourn must be made in open session to close out the business of the Board.</p> <p>Motion: The motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 12:01pm by Stephanie Marshall. The motion was seconded by Dr. Angela Grice.</p> <p>Kristen Spivey, Dr. Angela Grice, and Stephanie Marshall all voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for [September 21, 2020](#)

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