

BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY

Open Session Minutes

June 17, 2019

BOARD MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

BOARD MEMBERS:	
Kirstin Spivey	
Stephanie Marshall	
Angela Grice	
Robert Traina	
BOARD STAFF:	
Frank Meyers, JD – Executive Director	
Aisha Nixon – Interim Executive Director	ABSENT
David Walker – Health Licensing Specialist	
Thelma Oforu-Mensah – Health Licensing Specialist	
Rebecca Odrick – Investigator	
LEGAL STAFF:	
Panravee Vongjaroenrat	

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¹ The order in which the following agenda items are listed does not necessarily reflect the order in which the items were discussed during the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

	<p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>A. Board Members</p> <p>B. Board Staff</p>	
OS-0617-01	<p><u>ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA</u></p> <p>Board Action: Acceptance of Agenda.</p> <p>Background: To review the agenda for today’s meeting and approve for discussion.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Dr. Grice to accept the agenda. Seconded by Ms. Marshall.</p> <p>Ms. Grice, Mr. Traina, Ms. Marshall and Ms. Spivey voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

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MINUTES, STAFF REPORTS, AND MISC. DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0617-02	<p><u>INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u></p> <p>1. New Interim Director Ms. Aisha Nixon has been named the new interim Executive Director of the Allied and Behavioral Health Boards.</p> <p>2. Licensure Census: As of June 10, 2019, there are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 106 - Audiologist,• 3 - Audiology Assistants,• 696 - Speech-Language Pathologist,• 14 - SLP Assistants, and• 40 - SLP Clinical Fellows. <p>3. New Consumer Board Member The Mayor's Office of Talent and Appointments (MOTA) has notified us that a new consumer member is pending approval by DC Council and will possibly be starting at the September meeting.</p> <p>Additionally, MOTA was informed of Ms. Comer's resignation from the Board and is working to find a replacement.</p>	
OS-0617-03	<p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u> The Board Attorney informed the Board that the regulations regarding Public Health Priorities have been implemented, however the list of what CEs will be allowed has yet to be published.</p>	
OS-0617-04	<p><u>BOARD CHAIRS'S REPORT</u> None.</p>	

OS-0617-05	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Board Action: Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the March 18, 2019 meeting.</p> <p>Motion: Motion made by Ms. Marshall to approve the minutes. Seconded by Dr. Grice.</p> <p>Dr. Grice, Mr. Traina, Ms. Marshall and Ms. Spivey voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0617-06	<p><u>REGULATORY REVISIONS</u></p> <p>Board Action: To review the current Audiology Assistant and Speech-Language Pathology Assistant regulations and consider regulatory revisions to add indirect or other types of supervision of the assistants.</p> <p>Background: The matter was tabled during the March 2019 meeting for further review. The District of Columbia Council approved the following amendments to the Health Occupation Revision Act of 1985 to authorize audiology assistants and speech-language pathology assistants to practice under indirect supervision.</p> <p>Motion: Discussion of whether any changes to proposed regulations are needed. Ms. Marshall requested modifying regulations to be more in line with current ASHA guidelines, specifically as to the 9 month requirement for training before becoming a supervisor.</p> <p>Additionally, need to require supervisors attest to having completed two (2) hours of CE in supervision.</p> <p>There was some discussion as to when ASHA was going to update its guidelines for supervision, and what impact this would have on the proposed regulations, however it was determined that the Board could move forward on its proposal.</p>	

<p>Motion made by Ms. Marshall to request legal incorporate the previously submitted proposed regulations, along with new recommendation which include 2 hours of supervision CE, change 2 years' experience requirement to 9 months. Seconded by Dr. Grice.</p>	
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<p>Dr. Grice, Mr. Traina, Ms. Marshall and Ms. Spivey voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
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MOTION TO ADJOURN

OS-0617-07

Board Action:

To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).

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.

Motion:

Motion made by Ms. Marshall to go into closed session. Seconded by Dr. Grice.

Dr. Grice, Mr. Traina, Ms. Marshall and Ms. Spivey voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This ends the Open Session Minutes.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2019.