

BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY & SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

December 21, 2020

9:00am-12:00pm

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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| OS-1221-01 | <p><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 9:09 AM and a quorum was established.</p> <p>A. Board Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kristen Spivey- Present• Dr. Angela Grice- Present• Stephanie Marshall- Present <p>B. Board Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aisha Nixon, Executive Director- Present• Ajay Gohil, Board Attorney- Present• Panravee Vongjaroenrat, Board Attorney- Present• Rebecca Odrick, Board Investigator- Present• Fatima Abby, Health Licensing Specialist- Present |
| OS-1221-02 | <p><u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the December 21, 2020 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Stephanie Marshall to accept the Open Session Agenda for December 21, 2020. Seconded by Dr. Angela Grice.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Kristen Spivey, Dr. Angela Grice, and Ms. Stephanie Marshall voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> |

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

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| OS-1221-03 | <p><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Stephanie Marshall's last meeting will be in March 2021. • Board Announcement will be sent out to the licensees next week. • District of Columbia has begun distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine last week. • As of today, Public Health emergency is set to expire on December 31, 2020. • <u>Licensure Census:</u> There are 1097 licensees (132 audiologists, 4 audiology assistants, 44 speech-language pathology clinical fellows, 897 speech-language pathologists, and 20 speech-language pathology assistant) • Renewal will end on December 31, 2020. Late fee will apply as of January 1, 2021. As of today, there are 407 renewed licensees. • The new attorney for the board might be at the next Board meeting. • Subcommittee will be selected in the near future. • Upcoming dates for the 2021: March 15th, June 21st, September 20th, and December 20th. | |
| OS-1221-04 | <p><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are four opening board member positions under this board (1 AUD 1 SLP, and 2 consumer members). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One more position will also become vacancy • Recommended the Board to review and amend the scope of practices definitions for all the professions under the Board's purview. • Reminded the board to update the regulations and policy statement. | |
| OS-1221-05 | <p><u>BOARD CHAIRS'S REPORT:</u> No report from the Board Chair.</p> | |
| OS-1221-06 | <p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the October 6, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u></p> | |

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| | <p>Motion made by Dr. Angela Grice to accept the Open Session minutes from the October 6, 2020. Seconded by Ms. Stephanie Marshall.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Kristen Spivey, Dr. Angela Grice, and Ms. Stephanie Marshall voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
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DISCUSSION ITEMS

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| <p>OS-1221-07</p> | <p><u>POLICY REVISION</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To review the policy statement regarding the reduction of continuing education and tele-supervision and to approve it for posting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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.</p> <p>During the June meeting, the Board voted to have the Board attorney draft a policy statement regarding the tele-supervision and to reduce the amount of continuing education that would be required during the upcoming renewals.</p> <p>Senior leadership has requested that all policies that make changes to the current regulations be done through emergency/proposed rulemaking.</p> <p>The Board’s possible options are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take out the in-person requirements entirely. • Not take out the in-person requirements but leave room for them to suspend the in-person requirement under certain circumstances (limiting emergency situations or allowing the Board to use their discretion). | |
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| | <p>On October 6, 2020, the Board voted to allow the board to add verbiage that would allow them to suspend in person continuing education (CE) and/or reduce the number of required CEs due to certain circumstances.</p> <p>In addition, the Board voted to revise the tele-supervision board policy to include graduate student to receive tele-supervision, to strike the language that requires the initiation of tele-health session and to accept policy on tele-supervision and to include a language that would allow synchronous communicate as the direct supervision.</p> <p>The Board also voted to approve the policy and move it to emergency/proposed rulemaking regarding reduction and suspension of continuing education and approve the use of tele-supervision.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Stephanie Marshall to accept the board policy on tele-supervision and continuing education. Seconded by Dr. Angela Grice.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Kristen Spivey, Dr. Angela Grice, and Ms. Stephanie Marshall voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| OS-1221-08 | <p><u>HEALTH OCCUPATION REVISION ACT (HORA) REVISION</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review and revise the HORA related to the professionals' scope of practices.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Stephanie Marshall to table this matter to the next meeting. Seconded by Dr. Angela Grice.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Kristen Spivey, Dr. Angela Grice, and Ms. Stephanie Marshall voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |

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| OS-1221-09 | <p><u>BOARD DELEGATIONS:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review the outlined delegated authorities and determine whether to accept or not.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> As the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (“the Board”) is limited in how often it can meet, the Board has delegated various authorities to Board staff to help accomplish the goal of public safety. These delegated authorities are limited in nature and are intended to facilitate the business of the Board in an efficient and expedient manner, while at the same time ensuring patient safety is always maintained.</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Ms. Stephanie Marshall to table this matter to the next meeting. Seconded by Dr. Angela Grice.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Kristen Spivey, Dr. Angela Grice, and Ms. Stephanie Marshall voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
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| OS-1221-10 | <p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Chairperson, I move that the Board close the Open Public session portion of the meeting and move into the Closed Executive Session portion of the meeting pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 2-575(b) for the following purposes: to discuss disciplinary matters pursuant to § 2-575(b)(9); to seek the advice of counsel to the board, to preserve the attorney-client privilege, or to approve settlement agreements pursuant to § 2-575(b)(4); and to plan, discuss, or hear reports</p> | |
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| | <p>concerning ongoing or planned investigations pursuant to § 2-575(b)(14).”</p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Motion made by Dr. Angela Grice to adjourn the Open Session meeting. Seconded by Ms. Stephanie Marshall.</p> <p><u>Vote:</u> Ms. Kristen Spivey, Dr. Angela Grice, and Ms. Stephanie Marshall voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> | |
| OS-1221-11 | <p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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> | |

This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2021

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