

## BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY & SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

**JUNE 14, 2021**

**9:00am-12:00pm**

### OPEN SESSION AGENDA

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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-0614-01	<b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b>  A. Board Members B. Board Staff
OS-0614-02	<b><u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Acceptance of the June 14, 2021 Open Session Agenda.

**MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS**

OS-0614-03	<b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></b>	
OS-0614-04	<b><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u></b>	
OS-0614-05	<b><u>BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT:</u></b>	
OS-0614-06	<b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the March 21, 2021 meeting.	

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

OS-0614-07	<b><u>HEALTH OCCUPATION REVISION ACT (HORA) REVISION</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to review and provide recommendations revising the HORA related to the professionals' scope of practices.	
OS-0614-08	<b><u>DETERMINATION FOR AUDIOLOGY SERVICES</u></b>  <b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to review the request from Academy of Doctors of Audiology regarding what is part of the DC audiology scope of practice.	

	<p><b><u>Background:</u></b> In March, the board delegated this matter to Ms. Marshall.</p> <p>The Academy of Doctors of Audiology (ADA) represents audiologists across the United States. ADA is seeking a written decision from the Board on whether the following services and health screenings are included in the scope of practice for licensed audiologists in the District of Columbia:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Medical diagnosis of auditory, communication, tinnitus, and vestibular disorders.</li> <li>2. Evaluation and management of auditory, communication, tinnitus, and vestibular disorders.</li> <li>3. Cerumen removal.</li> <li>4. Intraoperative monitoring.</li> <li>5. Cognitive behavioral therapy, specific to an auditory and/or tinnitus rehabilitation/habilitation program.</li> <li>6. Postural blood pressure measurement.</li> <li>7. Telehealth.</li> <li>8. Depression screening using a validated screening tool and referral/plan of care, as warranted.</li> <li>9. Cognitive screening using a validated screening tool and associated referral/plan of care, as warranted.</li> <li>10. Dexterity screening using a validated screening tool and associated referral/plan of care, as warranted.</li> <li>11. Vision screening using a validated screening tool and associated referral/plan of care, as warranted.</li> <li>12. Speech-language screening using a validated screening tool and associated referral/plan of care, as warranted.</li> </ol>	
OS-0614-09	<p><b><u>ADMINISTRATIVE FEE SCHEDULE</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Review and determine whether to approve the draft assessment fee schedule.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> To assist the Board with its work, Board Staff drafted an assessment fee schedule for the Board to review. The schedule features the Board's most frequently assessed matters.</p>	

OS-0614-10	<p><b><u>NEW ETS PRAXIS TEST ADOPTIONS: AUDIOLOGY (5343)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to determine whether the current exam (Praxis Audiology 5343) will be accepted by the Board until August 31, 2021 or until it discontinues.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> In March, the Board voted to accept the new Praxis Audiology test (5343).</p> <p>The Praxis Audiology: 5342 was recently regenerated. The new Audiology test (5343) was launched on September 1, 2020. Both tests are currently offered and will be until August 31, 2021 when the Audiology: 5342 will be officially retired.</p>	
OS-0614-11	<p><b><u>INQUIRY FROM THE PUBLIC</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Actions:</u></b> The Board is to confirm whether the information provided to the partitioner was accurate.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> An out of state practitioner inquired whether cognitive screening is part of the scope of practice of Audiologist. A response was sent to practitioner informing them the cognitive screening was not part of the Audiology scope of practice. An attachment of the HORA was sent as well.</p>	
OS-0614-12	<p><b><u>Consent Agenda:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the applications approved for purposes of review and/or ratification of Board actions taken since the last Board meeting.</p>	

**MOTION TO ADJORN**

OS-0614-13	<p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p>	
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	<p><b>Background:</b> 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 concerning ongoing or planned investigations pursuant to § 2-575(b)(14).”</p>	
OS-0614-14	<p><b>MOTION TO ADJOURN</b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b> 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 [September 20, 2021](#)

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