

BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY & SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

March 15, 2021

9:00am-12:00pm

OPEN SESSION AGENDA

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

OS-0315-01	<u>INTRODUCTIONS</u> A. Board Members B. Board Staff C. Visitor
OS-0315-02	<u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Acceptance of the March 15, 2021 Open Session Agenda.

MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS

OS-0315-03	<u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u>	
OS-0315-04	<u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u>	
OS-0315-05	<u>BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT:</u>	
OS-0315-06	<u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the December 21, 2020 meeting.	

DISCUSSION ITEMS

OS-0315-07	<u>HEALTH OCCUPATION REVISION ACT (HORA) REVISION</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review and revise the HORA related to the professionals' scope of practices.	
OS-0315-08	<u>DETERMINATION FOR AUDIOLOGY SERVICES</u> <u>Board Action:</u>	

	<p>The Board is to review the request from Academy of Doctors of Audiology in regard to determination of the audiology services.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> 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"> 1. Medical diagnosis of auditory, communication, tinnitus, and vestibular disorders. 2. Evaluation and management of auditory, communication, tinnitus, and vestibular disorders. 3. Cerumen removal. 4. Intraoperative monitoring. 5. Cognitive behavioral therapy, specific to an auditory and/or tinnitus rehabilitation/habilitation program. 6. Postural blood pressure measurement. 7. Telehealth. 8. Depression screening using a validated screening tool and referral/plan of care, as warranted. 9. Cognitive screening using a validated screening tool and associated referral/plan of care, as warranted. 10. Dexterity screening using a validated screening tool and associated referral/plan of care, as warranted. 11. Vision screening using a validated screening tool and associated referral/plan of care, as warranted. 12. Speech-language screening using a validated screening tool and associated referral/plan of care, as warranted. 	
OS-0315-09	<p><u>BOARD DELEGATIONS/CBC CHART:</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u> The Board is to review the outlined delegated authorities and determine whether to accept.</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</p>	

	always maintained.	
OS-0315-10	<p><u>DISCIPLINARY FINE CHART</u></p> <p><u>Board Action</u></p> <p>The Board is to review the disciplinary fees and determine the suggested fines and assessment amount for each disciplinary.</p>	
OS-0315-11	<p><u>NEW ETS PRAXIS TEST ADOPTIONS: AUDIOLOGY (5343)</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p> <p>The Board is to review and decide whether to adopt the new Audiology 5342.</p> <p><u>Background:</u></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>	

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OS-0315-12	<p><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p> <p>To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><u>Background:</u></p> <p>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-0315-13	<p><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></p> <p><u>Board Action:</u></p> <p>To adjourn the meeting.</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.

This ends the Open Session Agenda, next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2021

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