

## BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY & SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

**March 15, 2021**

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

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

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**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

OS-0315-01	<p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 9:09 AM and a quorum was established.</p> <p><b>A. Board Members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kristen Spivey- Present</li> <li>• Dr. Angela Grice- Present</li> <li>• Stephanie Marshall- Present</li> </ul> <p><b>B. Board Staff</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aisha Nixon, Executive Director- Present</li> <li>• Ajay Gohil, Interim Board Attorney- Present</li> <li>• Christopher Boone, New Board Attorney- Present</li> <li>• Rebecca Odrick, Board Investigator- Present</li> <li>• Fatima Abby, Health Licensing Specialist- Present</li> </ul>
OS-0315-02	<p><b><u>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b></p> <p>Acceptance of the March 15, 2021 Open Session Agenda.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b></p> <p>Motion made by Ms. Stephanie Marshall to accept the Open Session Agenda for March 15, 2021. Seconded by Dr. Angela Grice.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b></p> <p>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**

OS-0315-03	<p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DC Health/HRLA Operational status still remains in teleworks posture due to COVID-19.</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online licensure portal may be available to the public in April 16, 2021.</li> <li>• <u>Licensure Census</u>: 757 speech-language pathologists, 110 audiologists, 2 audiologist assistants and 13 speech-language pathology assistants.</li> <li>• The grace period for the renewals ended on February 28, 2021.</li> <li>• Today is Ms. Stephanie Marshall’s last meeting and Ms. Nixon thanked Ms. Marshall for her years of service on the Board. She presented Ms. Marshall with a certificate from the Health Regulations and Licensing Administration and a letter from the Mayor, which would be mailed after the meeting.</li> </ul>	
OS-0315-04	<p><b><u>BOARD ATTORNEY’S REPORT:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ajay Gohil introduced and welcomed Mr. Christopher Boone, as the new Board attorney.</li> <li>• On Jan 4, 2021, emergency regulations were passed that provide Boards with the regulatory authority to modify their renewal CEU requirements during extraordinary times, such as the current coronavirus pandemic.</li> <li>• There are four opening board member positions under this board (1 AUD, 1 SLP, and 2 consumer members).</li> </ul>	
OS-0315-05	<p><b><u>BOARD CHAIR’S REPORT:</u></b></p> <p>There was no report from the Board Chair.</p>	
OS-0315-06	<p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the December 21, 2020 meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Stephanie Marshall to accept the Open Session minutes from the December 21, 2020. Seconded by Dr. Angela Grice.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Kristen Spivey, Dr. Angela Grice, and Ms. Stephanie Marshall voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

OS-0315-07	<p><b><u>HEALTH OCCUPATION REVISION ACT (HORA) REVISION</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to review and revise the HORA related to the professionals' scope of practices.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Stephanie Marshall to table this matter so the Board can review the redline. Seconded by Dr. Angela Grice.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Kristen Spivey, Dr. Angela Grice, and Ms. Stephanie Marshall voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>The document will be sent to Ms. Marshall, then Dr. Grice and then Ms. Spivey.</p>	
OS-0315-08	<p><b><u>DETERMINATION FOR AUDIOLOGY SERVICES</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to review the request from Academy of Doctors of Audiology in regard to determination of the audiology services.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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> </ol>	

	<p>9. Cognitive screening using a validated screening tool and associated referral/plan of care, as warranted.</p> <p>10. Dexterity screening using a validated screening tool and associated referral/plan of care, as warranted.</p> <p>11. Vision screening using a validated screening tool and associated referral/plan of care, as warranted.</p> <p>12. Speech-language screening using a validated screening tool and associated referral/plan of care, as warranted.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Dr. Grice to delegate this matter to Ms. Marshall. Seconded by Ms. Marshall.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Kristen Spivey, Dr. Angela Grice, and Ms. Stephanie Marshall voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0315-09	<p><b><u>BOARD DELEGATIONS/CBC CHART:</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to review the outlined delegated authorities and determine whether to accept.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Stephanie Marshall to adopt the board delegated authority and CBC chart. Seconded by Dr. Angela Grice.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Kristen Spivey, Dr. Angela Grice, and Ms. Stephanie Marshall voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0315-10	<p><b><u>DISCIPLINARY FINE CHART</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action</u></b></p>	

	<p>The Board is to review the disciplinary fees and determine the suggested fines and assessment amount for each disciplinary.</p> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Stephanie Marshall to table this matter and update based on the recommendation provided by the board. Seconded by Dr. Angela Grice.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Kristen Spivey, Dr. Angela Grice, and Ms. Stephanie Marshall voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0315-11	<p><b><u>NEW ETS PRAXIS TEST ADOPTIONS: AUDIOLOGY (5343)</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> The Board is to review and decide whether to adopt the new Audiology 5342.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> 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> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Stephanie Marshall to accept the new Praxis. Seconded by Dr. Kristen Spivey.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Kristen Spivey, Dr. Angela Grice, and Ms. Stephanie Marshall voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

**MOTION TO ADJORN**

OS-0315-12	<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> <p><b><u>Background:</u></b> Chairperson, I move that the Board close the Open Public session portion of the meeting and move into the Closed Executive Session</p>	
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	<p>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> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Kristen Spivey close the open session at 10:36 AM. Seconded Ms. Stephanie Marshall.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Kristen Spivey, Dr. Angela Grice, and Ms. Stephanie Marshall voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	
OS-0315-13	<p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Board Action:</u></b> To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Background:</u></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> <p><b><u>Motion:</u></b> Motion made by Ms. Stephanie Marshall.to adjourn the open session meeting. Seconded by Dr. Grice.</p> <p><b><u>Vote:</u></b> Ms. Kristen Spivey, Dr. Angela Grice, and Ms. Stephanie Marshall voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>	

This ends the Open Session Minutes, next meeting is scheduled for **June 14, 2021**

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