

## BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY & SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

June 15, 2020

9:00am to 12:00pm

### OPEN SESSION AGENDA

#### Virtual Meeting Notice

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**OPEN SESSION AGENDA JUNE 15, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

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| OS-0615-01 | <p><b><u>INTRODUCTIONS</u></b></p> <p><b>A. Board Members</b></p> <p><b>B. Board Staff</b></p> |
| OS-0615-02 | <p><b>Board Action:</b><br/>Acceptance of Agenda for June 15, 2020</p>                         |

**MINUTES AND STAFF REPORTS**

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| OS-0615-03 | <p><b><u>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:</u></b></p>   |
| OS-0615-04 | <p><b><u>BOARD ATTORNEY'S REPORT:</u></b></p>   |
| OS-0615-05 | <p><b><u>BOARD CHAIRS'S REPORT:</u></b></p>   |
| OS-0615-06 | <p><b><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES:</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b><br/>Consideration of the Open Session minutes from the March 16, 2020 meeting.</p> |

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

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| OS-0615-07 | <p><b><u>TELEHEALTH</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b><br/>To review the current telehealth guidelines as it relates to scope of practice and supervision of students, interns, audiology assistants, speech-language pathology assistants, and speech-language clinical fellows.</p> <p><b>Background:</b><br/>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> |
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| OS-0615-08 | <p><b><u>POST COVID-19</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b><br/>Discuss possible telehealth policy/regulations that can be implement in the future.</p> <p><b>Background:</b><br/>Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Mayor issued an Administrative Order that waived licensure requirements and for the allowance of telehealth. The Office of Health Professional Licensing would like all the Boards to look at drafting regulations to address the role telehealth will play in the District post COVID-19.</p>  |
| OS-0615-09 | <p><b><u>WORKFORCE SURVEY</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b><br/>To provide feedback regarding core questions related to the profession.</p> <p><b>Background:</b><br/>The Health Regulation and Licensing Administration plans to incorporate workforce surveys during renewals for all professions. The Workforce Survey is used to capture the distribution of healthcare providers across the District and obtain feedback regarding hot topics related to your profession.</p>   |
| OS-0615-10 | <p><b><u>FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS BY APPLICANTS/LICENSEES</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b><br/>To review and provide feedback regarding frequently asked questions.</p> <p><b>Background:</b><br/>The team has been given the opportunity to create a FAQ section on the Board’s current webpage. This FAQ section will allow applicants and licensees the ability to get information in a timely manner. The FAQ section consist of questions that our Health Licensing Specialist are frequently asked</p>  |
| OS-0615-11 | <p><b><u>ETS PRAXIS AUDIOLOGY EXAM</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b><br/>To review the update on the Praxis Exam for Audiology. This is for informational purposes only.</p> <p><b>Background:</b><br/>The Praxis Audiology Exam will be changing in September 2020. The current praxis Audiology test has been regenerated and will be replaced by the Praxis Audiology 5343 test. This exam now aligns with the 2020 standards and implementation procedures for the Certificate of Clinical Competence in Audiology, approved b the Council for Clinical Certification in Audiology and Speech Language Pathology</p> |

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| OS-0615-11              | <p><b><u>MOTION TO CLOSE</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b><br/>To go into closed session to discuss confidential matters as permitted in DC Official Code § 2-575(b).</p> <p><b>Background:</b><br/>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.</p> |
| OS-0615-12              | <p><b><u>MOTION TO ADJOURN</u></b></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b><br/>To adjourn the meeting.</p> <p><b>Background:</b><br/>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 21, 2020**

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