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Idaho Speech, Hearing and Communication Services
Licensure Board

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Board Meeting Minutes of 6/27/2023

Board Members Present: Gayle L Chaney, AuD – Chair
April Fagerson, AuD
Leah Garey, SLP
Teresa Lee Rose, Hearing Instrument Specialist
LaVona Andrew, Sign Language Interpreter

Division Staff: Katie Stuart, Executive Officer
Russell Spencer, General Counsel
Berk Fraser, Chief Investigator
Madyson Crea, Board Support Specialist

Board Members Absent: Kevin C Woodall, SLP
Kenneth W Nuhn, Public

Others Present: Joan Callahan, Board Prosecutor

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM by Gayle L Chaney.

Introductions

Ms. Stuart introduced the Board to Division staff present, and the Board introduced themselves to the two newly appointed Board members.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 3/14/2023 minutes. The motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Legislative Session Overview: Ms. Stuart briefed the Board on the 2023 Legislative Session. The legislature achieved sine die on April 6, 2023, and authorized the Board's rules, making them permanent.

Financial Update: Ms. Stuart presented the financial report as of 04/10/2023.

Licensing Information System ITN Update: Ms. Stuart informed the Board that the Division has entered into a contract for their new Licensing Information System. The goal for implementation of the new system is mid-year 2024.

BOARD BUSINESS

The NCSB for Speech Pathologists and Audiologists Membership: The Board discussed the benefits of having a membership with the NCSB, including that NCSB is involved in the formation of the compact. A motion was made and seconded to pay for a one--year membership with NCSB for Speech Pathologists and Audiologists. The motion carried.

Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC) Update: Ms. Chaney reviewed information she received on 4/17/2023 at a virtual meeting she attended to discuss draft rules. She informed the Board that the goal is to set up a compact similar to the nursing compact. Individual state boards participating in the compact will continue to handle complaints and impaired practice. Fingerprint background checks and a database to keep track of licensees were discussed at the meeting. Ms. Chaney expects it to be at least another year before they have a compact in practice.

Continuing Education (CE) Guidance Document: The Board reviewed a guidance document meant to provide licensees with information on acceptable CE activities and renewal requirements. Ms. Andrews requested that staff elaborate on acceptable documentation for sign language interpreters specifically because the CE activities do not always list the hours of the activity, but rather the credits earned, which does not reflect the time spent completing the CE.

Stipulation and Consent Order Review – Case No. SHS-2021-1: A motion was made and seconded to terminate the Stipulation and Consent Order for SHS-2021-1. The motion carried.

Board Chair Election: A motion was made and seconded to re-elect Ms. Chaney as the Board Chair. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made and seconded to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records related to a licensee's ability to retain a license, which is exempt from public disclosure. The vote was: Ms. Fagerson, aye; Ms. Andrew, aye; Ms. Rose, aye; Ms. Garey, aye; Ms. Chaney, aye. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to exit Executive Session. The motion carried.

Discipline:

A motion was made and seconded to initiate a Corrective Action Plan for case numbers I-SHS-2023-03 and I-SHS-2023-04. The motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 AM.

The next meeting is on 9/12/2023.