

IDAHO SPEECH, HEARING AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES LICENSURE BOARD
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
11351 W. Chinden Blvd.
Boise, ID 83714

Board Meeting Minutes- 03/09/2022

Convened: Gayle Chaney called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM MST.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Gayle L Chaney - Chair
Barbra Osterhout
Kevin C Woodall
Teresa Lee Rose
La Vona Andrew
Kenneth W Nuhn
Cynthia K Olsen

DIVISION STAFF: Katie Stuart, Executive Officer/Board Services Program Manager
Nicki Chopski, Bureau Chief
Yvonne Dunbar, General Counsel
Stephanie Lotridge, Licensing/Registration Program Manager
Jan Arrasmith, Education & Practice Specialist
Berk Fraser, Chief Investigator
Mike Celeste, Investigator Supervisor
Keith Aamodt, Investigator
Pam Rebolo, Board Support Supervisor
Susan Villanueva, Board Support Specialist
Susan Cassell, Board Support Specialist
Jessica Solis, Investigations Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: Eric Nelson, Board Prosecutor

OPENING/MISSTION STATEMENT AND INTRODUCTIONS:

After reading the Opening and Board Mission Statement, Katie Stuart, Executive Officer introduced herself and Division staff to the Board. The Board also introduced themselves to Division staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Andrew moved to approve the minutes of 12/8/21 as written. Ms. Rose, seconded. Motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

APPLICATION REVIEW

The Board took into consideration approval of application #901181101 which had been previously denied for licensure. Ms. Dunbar, Board Counsel stated that since the initial application had been discussed during executive session there were no minutes recorded and that discussion for reconsideration of application #901181101 could be during public session. Ms. Dunbar stated that previous correspondence reflecting denial of the application did not have an explanation or basis of the denial. After a lengthy discussion of the application, Ms. Rose moved to approve application #901181101 for licensure by endorsement along with an approval letter. Mr. Woodall seconded. Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Andrew moved, and Ms. Rose seconded, to enter Executive Session pursuant of Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records with legal counsel regarding pending or imminent litigation. Following roll call, the Board entered Executive Session at 9:06 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Osterhout moved to exit executive session at 9:16 AM. Rose, seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DISCIPLINE

Mr. Nelson presented a Memorandum in case number SHS-2021-7. Mr. Woodall moved to close case number SHS-2021-7. Ms. Olsen seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Nelson presented a Stipulation and Consent Order in case number SHS-2020-5. Ms. Andrew moved to approve the Consent Order and allow the Board chair to sign on behalf of the Board. Mr. Woodall seconded. Motion carried.

DIVISION UPDATE

Ms. Stuart stated that the Division's organization chart has been completed and stated that the Division should be moved into its permanent building by July. Ms. Stuart also stated that there is a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a new licensing system which will be able to handle daily licensure and renewal requirements for all 48 Boards within the Division although a new database system may not be implemented at an undetermined time frame.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. Stuart presented the Board with a Frequently Asked Question prepared by the financial officer, for all Boards in regard to the individual Board's funds as the state is implementing a new financial coding system for all of DOPL. The Division will have quarterly reports for the Board to review.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Ms. Stuart presented a legislative update informing the Board that House Bill 664 regarding interstate compact has been presented to the legislature by another entity. Ms. Stuart stated that if this bill passes it will be part of the Board's licensure statute. Ms. Stuart stated that within this bill is the requirement for background checks and she has been in contact with the FBI to inquire how quickly permissions would be granted to the Board for this requirement if this bill were to pass. HB 664 will be heard today at 3:00 and Ms. Stuart will be providing the Board with the legislative link if they choose to listen.

Ms. Stuart also discussed Senate Bill 1326 which would transfer the Department of Health & Welfare Licensing and Certification Division which licenses and certifies nursing home facilities, residential care facilities, foster care homes and nursing assistants to the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses. It has not been determined if they will fall under the Health Professions section, Occupations Section or have their own section within in the Division.

ZERO BASED REGULATION

The Board briefly discussed the Governor's Executive Order and the Zero Based Regulation (ZBR) process. The Board was given the agency guide and prospective analysis forms and will be having additional meetings to reassess and modify licensure rules while still protecting the public.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by general consent at 10:50 AM MST.

The next Board meeting will be April 12 at 8:15 AM MST.