

**IDAHO SPEECH, HEARING AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES LICENSURE  
BOARD**

**Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses**

**P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0063**

**Board Meeting Minutes – ZBR 4/12/2022**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** LaVona Andrew

**DIVISION STAFF:** Katie Stuart, Executive Officer  
Yvonne Dunbar, General Counsel  
Stephanie Lotridge, Licensing and Registration  
Program Manager  
Jan Arrasmith, Education and Practice Specialist  
Susan Cassell, Board Support Specialist  
Susan Villanueva, Board Support Specialist

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Members of the public

**CONVENED:** The meeting was called to order at 8:16 AM MT by Gayle L Chaney.

**OPENING/MISSION STATEMENT:**

Katie Stuart gave the opening statement and read the Board's mission statement.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Ms. Stuart outlined the procedure for Zero Based Regulation for Rules review and presented the Board with sections of the Rules of the Speech, Hearing and Communication Services Licensure Board. The Board focused on three aspects of the Rules – inactive status, audiology support personnel, and deaf interpreters.

Starting with Speech, Hearing and Communication Services Licensure Board Rules 205 Inactive Status, Ms. Stuart directed the Board to a redlined version of the Rule. Ms. Stuart informed the Board that this section was duplicative of Statute Title 67, Chapter 26 and recommended that it be struck from the rules. Mr. Nuhn moved to strike 205. Ms. Rose seconded. Motion carried.

The Board was presented with a revised Rule section 211, which clarified the role of a supervising audiologist based on training, education, and experience rather than specific lists of tasks and duties. Dr. Chaney stated that this affects unlicensed personnel and that there are few audiology aides in the state. There was an inquiry about the use of supervision for a licensed person who has been disciplined but Ms. Dunbar confirmed that any discipline would be conferred to the supervising audiologist. The Board approved the use of the revised Audiology Support Personnel with the ask that Board staff look into what our surrounding states are doing for direct supervision. Dr. Olsen made a motion, Ms. Rose seconded. Motion carried.

Rule 280 Deaf Interpreters includes a quote from the Statute in section C. Ms. Stuart shared that there were eight endorsements since 2018, with the last one issued in 2020. It was suggested that candidates could have one letter of endorsement rather than two. The Board agreed to table this topic until the next meeting when the Board's Sign Language Interpreter member could be in attendance.

Ms. Stuart stated that based on page 32 of the Rule Writes Manual, that the rule chapter would be reordered. The Board was asked what other topics they would like to reconsider, and it was suggested to cover supervision for hearing aid dealers and fitters, speech language pathologist assistants and aides.

During the public comment period, community members and professionals shared thoughts on Rules as well as general practice. Topics of comments included the need for a path for license reinstatement after a break from practice, tasks for Audiology assistants, the use of paraprofessionals with varying experience in schools, differing licensing and certification requirements for school-based Speech Language Pathologists (SLP) compared with SLPs in private practice.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: June 6, 2022**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Chaney adjourned the meeting at 9:27 am MT.