

Speech, Hearing and Communication Services Licensure Board
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
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Board Meeting Minutes of 6/1/2022

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
Nicki Chopski, Bureau Chief, Health Professions
Stephanie Lotridge, Licensing and Registration Program
Manager
Lea Kear, Legal Counsel, Health Professions
Berk Frasier, Chief Investigator, Health Professions
Mike Celeste, Investigations Supervisors
Shaun Eichman, Investigator
Matthew Post, Investigations Support Specialist
Jan Arrasmith, Practice and Education Specialist
Pam Rebolo, Board Support Supervisor
Susan Cassell, Board Support Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Kris Brock
Stetson Stanger
Cliff Hanks

The meeting was called to order at 8:14 AM MT by Gayle L Chaney.

OPENING STATEMENT

Dr. Chaney read the opening statement to the Board members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Woodall moved to approve the minutes of March 9, 2022, and April 12, 2022. Mr. Nuhn seconded. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Nuhn moved, and Ms. Rose seconded, for the Board to enter executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law, Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session was to discuss documents relating to the fitness of a licensee to retain a license or registration. Following roll call, the Board entered Executive Session at 8:17 AM. Motion carried; Dr. Chaney, aye, Mr. Nuhn, aye, Ms. Rose, aye, Ms. Andrew, aye, Ms. Osterhout, aye, and Dr. Olsen, aye.

Mr. Woodall moved to leave executive session at 8:43 AM. Ms. Andrew seconded; motion carried.

DISCIPLINE

Ms. Andrew made a motion to accept the signed Stipulation and Consent Order for case number SHS-2021-2, Mr. Woodall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Rose made a motion to accept the signed Stipulation and Consent Order for case number SHS-2021-5, Mr. Woodall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

LICENSURE

Mr. Woodall made a motion to approve the following for licensure SHSA-5066, Ms. Andrew seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Andrew made a motion to approve the following for a provisional permit SIGNP-4753, Mr. Woodall seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION BUSINESS

DIVISION UPDATES

Ms. Stuart informed the Board that the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) staff will be moving into Building 4 at the Chinden Campus starting on June 15 and continuing into July.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

HB612-Expungement: Ms. Stuart stated HB612 will allow for a licensee to request an expungement from the Board for disciplinary actions. These actions would include a request for expungement from discipline regarding continuing education due to expiration of a renewal on a license which could be requested after three (3) years. Additional requests for expungement would be regarding offenses from a criminal offense which can be requested after seven (7) years.

SB1368 – Moral Character: Ms. Stuart stated that SB1368 was to clean up statutes for all state agencies as moral character had been used for denial of applications and for discipline.

FINANCIAL UPDATES

Ms. Stuart presented a financial overview compiled by DOPL’s fiscal officer; the DOPL financial team has been working diligently on uniform financial reporting and coding across DOPL. Ms. Andrew inquired about licensing fees; Ms. Stuart informed the board that Administrator Barron has imposed a three-year cap on fee increases.

BOARD BUSINESS

ZERO BASED REGULATION (ZBR)

Ms. Stuart discussed the following proposed rule changes and reviewed materials from the April 12, 2022, ZBR meeting:

Rule 210 – This section's language has been simplified to incorporate approved examinations and approved experience for Audiologist licensure by examination. The Board would like to ensure that master’s level Audiologists are included by experience and education. Ms. Kear asked the board to revisit this topic after she reviews the educational levels required by statute.

Rule 211 – Ms. Stuart suggested less restrictive language related to supervision by removing the timeframes for supervision. Ms. Olsen concurred.

Rule 250 – Originally included language that was duplicative of statute, the section header will be revised, and approved examination will remain.

Rule 280 – Previously discussed in April, the proposed changes for Deaf Interpreters will include a new application and requires one letter of endorsement rather than two. Ms. Andrew stated this rule hasn’t been used as designed; it was intended for “one-off” or emergency events requiring deaf interpretation. The updated rule would allow a one-year registration, similar to other Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) registrations. Ms. Kear stated that the statute clarifies interpreter qualifications more clearly than the rule.

Rule 400 – The proposed changes remove the waiver of continuing education (CE). The Board discussed the confusion with CE carryover; Dr. Chopski stated that DOPL is looking for consistency across professions. Ms. Stuart will research surrounding state requirements, and this rule will be revisited at an upcoming ZBR meeting.

AUDIOLOGY & SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE COMPACT

Ms. Stuart informed the Board that the Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC), which H664 enacted in 2022, will require one Speech Language

Pathologist and one Audiologist to serve as state commissioners. The Board asked Ms. Stuart to reach out to the Compact to see if she could be an administrator or if they could vote someone else in from the profession as an administrator. This process will be revisited at upcoming Board meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Kris Brock, president of the Idaho Speech, Language, Hearing Association (ISHA), inquired about future SLP/SLPA certifications discussions. Ms. Stuart informed Dr. Brock that certification would be reviewed at the June 29, 2022, ZBR meeting. Dr. Brock will send Ms. Stuart suggested language to assist new graduates in utilizing supervision hours for their licenses, as supervision sites can be difficult to schedule.

Mr. Cliff Hanks spoke about the licensing or registration process for virtual sign language interpretation and concerns about delays that would negatively impact users of remote interpretation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by general consent at 9:31 AM.