

IDAHO SPEECH, HEARING AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES LICENSURE BOARD
Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses
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Negotiated Rulemaking Minutes of 7/11/2022

DIVISION STAFF: Nicki Chopski, Bureau Chief, Health Professions
Lea Kear, Legal Counsel
Susan Cassell, Board Support Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT: Rachelle Ruffing, Idaho Speech, Language, Hearing Association
LaVona Andrew
Julie Dayley
Kaili Smalley
Rachel Miller
Joelynn Ball
Vivaldo Torres, Pharmacy Student

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM MT by Nicki Chopski.

Dr. Chopski invited members of the public to comment on the redline Rules chapter 24.23.01 that had been reviewed by the Idaho Speech, Hearing, and Communication Services Licensure Board (SHS) members. Ms. Ruffing stated that she is the new President of the Idaho Speech, Language, Hearing Association and that she was relaying questions from the immediate Past President Kris Brock. Ms. Ruffing inquired about the removal of “graduate program requirement” for Audiologists from Rule 210, Ms. Kear stated that the qualifications are duplicative of Statute under the Practice Act, 54-2912 – 54-2916.

Regarding Rule 240 and qualifications for SLP Assistant as discussed during the June 29, 2022 SHS Board meeting, this language will be streamlined and Assistants will be licensed, with current Aides being converted to Assistants. Statute 54-2915 allows for Associate degrees, while 54-2914 allows for Baccalaureate degrees and Rules cannot be more restrictive than Statute. These sections will be revisited at the next Board meeting.

Stakeholders are encouraged to attend the next Negotiated Rulemaking session on August 10, 2022.

Adjournment: 3:30 PM MT.

Next Meeting: August 10, 2022, at 3:00 PM.