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Idaho Speech, Hearing and Communication Services  
Licensure Board

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### Board Meeting Minutes of 11/2/2022

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	Gayle L Chaney - Chair Barbra Osterhout Kevin C Woodall La Vona Andrew Cynthia K Olsen	<b>Division Staff:</b>	Katie Stuart, Executive Officer Nicki Chopski, Bureau Chief Pam Rebolo, Board Support Supervisor Susan Cassell, Board Support Susan Villanueva, Board Support Shanna Kittell, Licensing Specialist
<b>Board Members Absent:</b>	Teresa Lee Rose Kenneth W Nuhn	<b>Others Present:</b>	Josh Scholer, Division of Financial Management

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM by Gayle L Chaney. Ms. Stuart introduced the in person Board member and staff to the virtual attendees.

#### Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 06/01/2022, 06/29/2022 and 08/31/2022 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

#### DIVISION BUSINESS

**Zero Based Regulation (ZBR):** Ms. Stuart stated that the Board would be adopting their reviewed rule chapters today, ending the ZBR process. No public comments were received during the last two public hearings. Ms. Stuart reached out to the Idaho Speech Hearing Association (ISHA) for final feedback. Dr. Chaney inquired about the supervision and training for audiology assistants. Ms. Stuart told the Board that the supervision application can be reviewed to address all requirements. The Board may discuss potential assistant licensure after a statutory review at a later date. There were no additional ZBR questions.

A motion was made and seconded to move the Rules from proposed to pending. Motion carried, there were no nay votes or abstentions. The pending rules for Speech, Hearing and Communication Services will be published in the December Legislative Bulletin.

**Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC):** Dr. Chaney is the compact administrator but she has not yet been contacted. Ms. Stuart relayed that other states are struggling to find administrators within their Boards.

**FDA Letter: Improved Access to Hearing Aids:** Ms. Stuart informed the Board that the Division of Occupational & Professional License (DOPL) licensing staff have been fielding calls from hearing aid dealers and fitters who are inquiring about license renewals; it is not currently recommended to let licenses lapse because prescription hearing aids will still need to be fitted for optimal benefit, OTC hearing aids will not be appropriate for all patients. Dr. Olsen shared that professional audiology associations are recommending that the state adopt a two-tier licensing system, she will send supporting documents to Ms. Stuart.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 AM.

The next meeting is TBD.