

State of Idaho

Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses Idaho Speech, Hearing and Communication Services Licensure Board

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Board Meeting Minutes of 12/05/2023

Board Members Gayle L Chaney, AuD – Chair **Division** Jan Arrasmith, Executive Officer

Present: April Fagerson, AuD **Staff:** Nicki Chopski, Health Leah Garey, SLP Professions Bureau Chief

Leah Garey, SLP Professions Bureau Chief Kevin C Woodall, SLP Russell Spencer, General Counsel

Teresa Lee Rose, Hearing Instrument

Specialist

Berk Fraser, Chief Investigator

Madyson Crea, Board Support

Kenneth W Nuhn, Public Member Specialist

Board Members LaVona Andrew, Sign Language **Others**

Absent: Interpreter **Present:** Reid Peterson, Board Prosecutor

The meeting was called to order at 8:15 AM by Gayle L. Chaney.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 09/12/2023 minutes. The motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Executive Agency Legislative Ideas: Ms. Arrasmith explained the proposed fingerprinting bill would not directly affect the Board until the compact is implemented; the bill would align Division processes for all boards. A proposed licensure renewal bill would transition all professional licenses to renew on the licensee's birthdate every two years.

Transition to SharePoint: Ms. Arrasmith informed the Board that they would be using SharePoint to view Board Meeting materials moving forward.

Board Training – Discipline: Mr. Spencer reviewed the Division's disciplinary process, including license suspensions, administrative complaints, and hearings.

BOARD BUSINESS

Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC) Update & Conference Attendance Report: Dr. Chaney summarized her attendance at the Annual National Council of State Boards Conference. She stated that she would encourage new Board members to attend future meetings as there was a lot of helpful information for Board members. One topic of discussion was removing the requirement for continuing education, as there is no research to show CE leads to competence. Some other topics included discipline strategies and the use of AI in healthcare. Dr. Chaney stated that the compact has a lot of work to do in order to be fully implemented. They are still working on a tracking mechanism to display members and keep track of discipline.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made and seconded to enter Executive Session pursuant to Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records related to a licensee's ability to retain a license, which is exempt from public disclosure, I.C. § 74-106(9). The vote was: Dr. Fagerson, aye; Ms. Rose, aye; Ms. Garey, aye; Mr. Woodall, aye; Mr. Nuhn, aye; and Dr. Chaney, aye. The motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded to exit Executive Session. The motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.

The next meeting is on 03/12/2024