



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 03/03/2025

Board Members Present: April Fagerson, AuD - Chair
Spencer Cheshire, AuD
Leah Garey, SLP
Sara Bergsma, SLP
Gage Welfley, H.I.S.
Rachel Miller, NIC, BEI

Division Staff: Tabitha Edward, Executive Officer
Russ Spencer, General Counsel
Pam Rebolo, Board Support Supervisor

Board Members Absent: Claudia Simplot-Nally, Public Member

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM by April Fagerson.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 9/24/2024 and 12/20/2024 minutes with corrections of board member credentials. The motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

2025 Legislative Update: Ms. Edwards presented the legislative update for HB14 regarding Code Clean up.

Financial Update: Ms. Edwards presented the financial update to the Board.

Renewal Transition Plan: Ms. Edwards explained that all licensure renewals under the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses will change to a biennial renewal cycle, with an expiration date at the licensee's birth date. This will allow for consistency in renewal cycles throughout the Division. Ms. Edwards stated that the Speech, Hearing and Communication Services Licensure Board is expected to implement the renewal cycle on July 1, 2025.

Board Training – Respectful Workplace: The Board watched a video presentation from the Idaho Department of Human Resources.

BOARD BUSINESS

Department of Education Presentation: Chynna Hirasaki from the Board of Education gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding communication to support students with disabilities in Idaho Schools and discussed the impact of recent changes to Idaho licensure on educational entities and budgeting resources. Ms. Hirasaki made suggestions for future collaboration and communication between the Division, Department of Health & Welfare and Department of Education.

Compact Update: Ms. Edwards gave an update regarding the state compact and answered questions from the Board. Ms. Garey also gave an update of information regarding the compact gathered at a recent conference she attended.

Contribution to ISHA Newsletter: Ms. Edwards discussed contributing to the ISHA newsletter. She stated that this could be a way to increase our communication and notice to the profession of important work the Board is doing and requested that each board member take turns and volunteer to add content to the ISHA newsletter. A motion was made and seconded to contribute articles to the ISHA newsletter as discussed with Ms. Garey providing content and submit to the Board chair, executive officer and legal counsel for approval. The motion carried.

Quarterly Report – Guidance Document: After review of the quarterly reports, a motion was made and seconded to approve the changes to the forms as discussed. The motion carried.

ISHA Annual Conference: A motion was made and seconded to pay for travel and expenses for two board members to attend the ISHA annual conference. The motion carried.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

The next meeting is on 06/03/2025.