



State of Idaho

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

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Board Meeting Minutes of 12/02/2025

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

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

Board Claudia Simplot-Nally, Public Member
Members
Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 AM by April Fagerson, AuD.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 09/16/2025 minutes. The motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Financial Update: A financial update was provided to the Board.

Fee Holiday: Ms. Edwards communicated that the Idaho State Legislature passed House Bill 152, authorizing the Administrator to implement fee holidays and the Division will be waiving renewal fees for all licenses within the Speech Hearing and Communications Services Licensure Board, effective January 1st, 2026. Ms. Edwards also stated that this change is intended to bring the Board's cash balance in compliance with Legislative requirements.

DOPL Strategic Plan: Ms. Edwards provided an update on the DOPL strategic plan speaking to the emphasis on customer service, employee engagement and timely financial reporting.

BOARD BUSINESS

Compact Update: Ms. Edwards stated there was no update at this time.

Adoption Fee Rule Pending Legislative Approval: A motion was made and seconded to adopt the proposed rule as it appeared in the administrative bulletin pending legislative approval. The motion carried.

Discussion of CE Requirements With 2 Year License Renewal: The Board will be discussing continue education requirements along with possible rule changes and how it will affect the two year renewal cycle, at their next board meeting.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 AM.

The next meeting is on 03/31/2026.