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Board Meeting Minutes of 09/16/2025

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

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

Board Members Absent: April Fagerson, AuD - Chair
Claudia Simplot-Nally, Public Member

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 AM by Leah Garey, SLP.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 06/03/2025 minutes. The motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

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

Board Training – Open Meeting Law: The Open Meeting Law training was provided to the Board.

BOARD BUSINESS

Request for Waiver - Spokane Falls Community College: The Board reviewed a request from the Spokane Falls Community College requesting the Board to allow graduates who have earned the Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S) degree from the Hearing Instrument Specialist (HIS) program at Spokane Falls Community College be considered as having completed performance exams that are either approved by the board or approved as equivalent to the International Hearing Society (IHS) Performance Exam as a licensure requirement for hearing aid dealers and fitters in Idaho.

A motion was made and seconded to accept and grant the request for waiver from Spokane Falls Community College as discussed. The motion carried.

Compact Update: Leah Garey, gave an update and explained that the delegates from the board who were chosen to receive compact updates are no longer with the Board. A motion was made and seconded to elect Spencer Cheshire as the audiologist representative and Leah Garey as the speech pathologist representative for the Board. The motion carried.

Delegated Authority Review: The Board's delegated authority list was reviewed.

Move Rules to Proposed: A motion was made and seconded to amend the fee table, Rule 400.01, with the addition of a new license type, Video Remote Interpreters, and a corresponding fee, \$150 for up to 5 employed sign language interpreters, and for every 5 thereafter. The motion carried.

A motion was also made and seconded, consistent with the waiver granted and pursuant to Idaho Code 67-5230, to amend Rule 100.04 to allow HIS applicants to take either the practical exam "or equivalent approved by the Board". The motion carried.

Adjourn

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

The next meeting is on 12/02/2025.