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Board Meeting Minutes of 05/26/2026

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

Division Tabitha Edwards, Executive Officer
Staff: Greg Loos, General Counsel
Pam Rebolo, Board Support Supervisor

Board Leah Garey, SLP
Members Claudia Simplot-Nally, Public Member
Absent:

Others Amy Hardy, Idaho Speech Hearing
Present: Association
Mary Van Donsel, Idaho State University

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 12/02/2025 minutes. The motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Legislative Update: Ms. Edwards gave a brief overview and provided the Board with a summary listing updates and bills that would affect the commissions and boards within the Division.

Financial Update: A financial update was provided to the Board by the Executive Officer, Ms Edwards.

Board Training – Respectful Workplace and Open Meeting Law: The Division provided a video training on Respectful Workplace and Legal Council, Mr. Loos, provided the Open Meeting Law Training.

BOARD BUSINESS

Request For Proposed Change In The Educational Requirements SPLA's: Ms. Hardy and Ms. Van Donsel addressed the Board regarding barriers for licensure in the state of Idaho for graduates with higher degrees. The association would like to see bachelor degree added as an accepted degree to the licensure rule. Mr. Loos provided an overview of the current statute. It was suggested that the Idaho association bring legislation forward if they choose to do so and to also work with Idaho State University (ISU) to create a pathway for licensure.

2 Year License Renewal With CE Clarification: Ms. Edwards provided clarification with a review of the requirement which states that each licensee will successfully complete in the 12

months proceeding each renewal of their license. Ms. Edwards also provided an overview of the 2 year licensure renewal process will begin in the fall of 2026 for the Speech Hearing profession. **Compact Update:** Ms. Edwards stated she received an update email this morning and will bring any updates to the next scheduled board meeting.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

The next meeting is on 09/29/2026.