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Speech, Hearing & Communication Services Board

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Board Meeting Minutes of 09/29/2026

Board Members Present:	April Fagerson, AuD - Chair Sara Bergsma, SLP Gage Welfley, H.I.S. Spencer Cheshire, AuD Leah Garey, SLP Ashley Camp
Board Members Absent:	Claudia Simplot-Nally, Public Member
Division Staff:	Tabitha Edwards, Executive Officer Greg Loos, General Counsel Christian Runnalls, Board Support Specialist

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

Approval of 12/02/2025 Minutes:
A motion was made and seconded to approve December 2, 2025, minutes. The motion carried.

DIVISION BUSINESS
Financial Update: Ms. Edwards provided a financial update to the Board.

BOARD BUSINESS
Delegated Authority Review: Ms. Edwards reviewed the delegated authority the Board has granted to Division staff and individual Board members.

A motion was made and seconded to affirm the delegated authority as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion – Process for IHS Practical Exam Proctoring: The Board discussed the initial setup and reasons for requiring the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses staff to observe the proctors for the on-site practical exam. They reviewed the proctor application and found no changes needed. The Board directed staff to have all proctor applications come before the Board for review. Ms. Edwards noted that staff cannot continue to observe proctors. The Board considered offsite testing options but agreed local candidates will test at the Division's Boise location and non-local applicants will also test at the Boise location for now. The Board discussed using Pro Metrics as an alternative to taking the practical exam at the Boise location for non-local candidates. Ms. Edwards will coordinate with Pro Metrics and present a report at the next meeting.

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2027 Board Meeting Update: The Board set the following 2027 meeting dates: January 13, 2027, April 21, 2027, July 21, 2027, and October 13, 2027.

Compact Update: Ms. Edwards stated that the community is enthusiastic about the opportunity presented by the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact in Idaho and noted that the decision was made not to proceed with beta testing. Currently, she is collaborating with the IT department to ensure that the Division's technology is compatible with the Compact. The integration process is expected to take approximately one to one and a half years. Additionally, fingerprinting has already been established through the Idaho State Police. The Compact and the Division's teams will convene in October to discuss progress. Ms. Edwards stated that the Board is financially prepared for related costs. Ms. Garey noted the benefits of the Compact, which has thirty-seven member states.

Board Elections: A motion was made and seconded to re-elect April Fagerson as Board Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

Board Training – Universal Discipline: Mr. Loos provided an overview of House Bill 703, codified at Idaho Code Section 67-2616 (Universal Discipline), which became effective on July 1, 2026, including the disciplinary enforcement tools available under the statute.

Board Training – Public Member: Mr. Loos presented training to the Board on the role and importance of Public Members appointed to regulatory boards.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39 AM.

The next meeting is on 09/29/2026.

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