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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY**

TIME: 10:31 A.M.

June 4, 2021

1 State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language
2 Pathology and Audiology
3 June 4, 2021
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6 BOARD MEMBERS:
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8 Amy S. Goldman, MS, CCC-SLP, Chair
9 Theodore Stauffer, Executive Secretary, Bureau of
10 Professional and Occupational Affairs, on behalf of
11 K. Kalonji Johnson, Commissioner
12 Sarah E. Delano, M.Ed., CCC-A, Vice Chair
13 Nancy J. Stimson, Secretary, Public Member
14 Lisa Butler, MS, CCC-SLP, QOM
15 Andrew A. McCall, M.D., FACS
16 Patrick M. Murphy, Au.D., M.Ed., CCC-A, FAAA
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19 BUREAU PERSONNEL:
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21 Nicole L. VanOrder, Esquire, Board Counsel
22 Nicole Ehrhart, Esquire, Board Counsel
23 Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
24 Christopher K. McNally, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
25 Sandra E. Matter, Board Administrator
26 Marc Farrell, Deputy Policy Director, Department of
27 State
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30 ALSO PRESENT:
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32 Angie Armbrust, Senior Associate, McNees-Winter
33 Group LLC, on behalf of Pennsylvania
34 Speech-Language-Hearing Association
35 Erin Buckwalter, SLP, MS-CCC, Vice President,
36 Governmental Relations, Pennsylvania Speech-
37 Language-Hearing Association
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2 State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language
3 Pathology and Audiology

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6 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at
7 9:00 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session
8 with Nicole L. VanOrder, Esquire, Board Counsel, and
9 Nicole Ehrhart, Esquire, Board Counsel, to have
10 attorney-client consultations and for the purpose of
11 conducting quasi-judicial deliberations regarding item
12 2 on the agenda. The Board returned to open session
13 at 10:30 a.m.]

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15 [Theodore Stauffer, Executive Secretary, Bureau of
16 Professional and Occupational Affairs, noted the
17 meeting was being recorded, and those who remained on
18 the line were giving their consent to be recorded.]

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20 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
21 Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and
22 Audiology was held on Friday, June 4, 2021. Amy S.
23 Goldman, MS, CCC-SLP, Chair, called the meeting to
24 order at 10:31 a.m.

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1 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

2 [Amy S. Goldman, MS, CCC-SLP, Chair, requested
3 introductions of Board members and guests in
4 attendance.]

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6 Approval of minutes of the March 5, 2021 meeting

7 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

8 The first order of business is approval
9 of the draft minutes. Hopefully
10 everybody has had the chance to review
11 them. I am going to abstain because I
12 was not able to download them.

13 Does anybody have any additions or
14 corrections to the minutes?

15 Do I have a motion to approve the
16 minutes as submitted?

17 DR. MURPHY:

18 I move to approve.

19 MS. DELANO:

20 I second.

21 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

22 Is there any discussion? All in favor
23 of approving those minutes?

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25 Lisa Butler, aye; Pat Murphy, aye; Nancy

1 Stimson, aye; Sarah Delano, aye; Andy
2 McCall, aye.

3 [The motion carried. Amy Goldman and Ted Stauffer
4 abstained from voting on the motion.]

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6 Report of Prosecutorial Division - No Report

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8 Report of Board Counsel

9 [Nicole L. VanOrder, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
10 status of regulations for the Board's review. She
11 reported movement on Act 41 regarding licensure by
12 endorsement. She noted at least two of the licensure
13 by reciprocity regulation packages for other Boards
14 have moved in the process. Based upon those packages
15 being approved, she mentioned amendments/revisions
16 were being made to the package to ease the flow
17 through the regulatory process and would be brought
18 back before the Board.]

19 MS. VanOrder:

20 Item 3 on the agenda is the Final
21 Adjudication and Order of Austin Kenneth
22 White, SLP, at Case No. 20-68-009448
23 that was discussed in executive session.

24 Is there a motion to approve the
25 Final Adjudication and Order as drafted

1 in Case No. 20-68-009448, Austin Kenneth
2 White, SLP?

3 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

4 I so move.

5 DR. MURPHY:

6 I second.

7 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

8 All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

9 [The motion carried. Lisa Butler recused herself from
10 deliberations and voting on the motion.]

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12 [Nicole L. VanOrder, Esquire, Board Counsel, addressed
13 a scam alert, noting an increase in scams targeting
14 licensees. She informed everyone that the scam alert
15 is available on the Department of State website and
16 encouraged associations to get the word out. She read
17 the scam alert, where persons pretending to be from
18 one of the health-related licensing boards are
19 contacting licensees by phone and mail concerning the
20 status of their license.

21 Ms. VanOrder reported scammers are threatening
22 license suspension for failure to act and falsely
23 claiming involvement with the Federal Bureau of
24 Investigation (FBI) and the Drug Enforcement
25 Administration (DEA). She stated scammers are known

1 to aggressively threaten license suspension for
2 failure to provide personal information.

3 Ms. VanOrder provided reminders from the Bureau
4 of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA)
5 concerning contact and personal information.

6 Ms. VanOrder mentioned that those who were the
7 subject of an investigation or disciplinary action
8 will receive notice by certified mail and/or personal
9 service and provided with a contact name and phone
10 number. She informed everyone to contact their local
11 police department or the Pennsylvania State Police if
12 they have been a victim of the scam.

13 Chair Goldman encouraged representatives from
14 professional associations to post the scam alert on
15 their websites and send it through their social
16 media.]

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18 Report of Board Chair

19 [Amy S. Goldman, MS, CCC-SLP, Chair, requested
20 approval to attend the National Council of State
21 Boards of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and
22 Audiology Conference (NCSB) in Williamsburg, VA,
23 October 7-9, 2021.

24 Chair Goldman noted being president-elect of NCSB
25 and thanked the Board for their votes. She mentioned

1 also being the conference chair. She addressed the
2 conference, noting a training day for new Board
3 members preceding the conference. She stated there
4 would be several sessions at the conference this year
5 talking about lessons learned through the pandemic and
6 the impact on boards and action the boards across the
7 country have taken during the pandemic, including
8 looking at telehealth regulations.

9 Chair Goldman noted there would be updates on
10 certification, including emerging challenges in the
11 certification of speech-language pathology and
12 audiology assistants and discussions on clinical
13 simulation and cultural competence, along with state
14 health exchange information regarding licensure
15 challenges across the country and interstate compact
16 in speech-language pathology and audiology
17 discussions.

18 Ms. VanOrder noted that it is not known yet
19 whether in-person attendance will be approved by
20 October but advised the Board to make the motion in
21 case it is permitted.

22 Chair Goldman commented that the hotel will be
23 following all relevant Centers for Disease Control and
24 Prevention and Commonwealth of Virginia COVID-related
25 rules. Ms. Delano also noted being interested in

1 attending.]

2 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

3 Could I have a motion to, assuming that
4 travel is permitted, a motion to support
5 attendance of two Board members at the
6 2021 NCSB Conference?

7 Would someone like to make a
8 motion?

9 MS. STIMSON:

10 I'll motion.

11 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

12 Nancy moved. Could I have a second?

13 MS. DELANO:

14 I second.

15 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

16 All in favor? Opposed?

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 [Amy S. Goldman, MS, CCC-SLP, Chair, noted prior
20 discussion in March concerning the quality of
21 applications for continuing education approval. She
22 commented that a workgroup comprised of Ms. Butler,
23 Ms. VanOrder, Ms. Ehrhart, Ms. Matter, and herself
24 looked at ways to streamline the application form and
25 clarify requirements.]

1 Chair Goldman addressed ways of earning
2 continuing education other than attending an approved
3 course, including approval for a course where course
4 sponsors have not sought approval or are not an
5 otherwise approved provider.

6 Chair Goldman noted the importance of encouraging
7 licensees to engage in these other activities
8 regarding continuing education and questioned whether
9 Ms. VanOrder had the answer of whether or not there
10 could be a webinar about continuing education?

11 Ms. VanOrder apologized for not having the answer
12 but mentioned that the newsletter is available and is
13 unsure whether a webinar would be looked at the same
14 way. She suggested Ms. Ehrhart provide that
15 information for the next Board meeting.

16 Chair Goldman commented that her service with the
17 National Council of State Boards of Examiners in
18 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology helped her see
19 that many Boards are actively involved in educating
20 their licensees and believed a webinar about
21 continuing education would be a good way to reach out
22 to their licensees.

23 Chair Goldman also mentioned other boards are
24 involved with educating the public. She mentioned
25 creating information for consumers in her last term

1 regarding audiologists and speech-language
2 pathologists and suggested looking at those documents
3 since it has been quite a while.

4 Chair Goldman thanked Ms. Matter, Ms. VanOrder,
5 Ms. Ehrhart, and Ms. Butler for their work regarding
6 revisions.]

7 MS. VanOrder:

8 I believe before we move on from the CE
9 application, it may be prudent to go
10 ahead and have a motion approving the
11 revised application.

12 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

13 Would somebody like to make a motion to
14 approve the revised CE application?

15 DR. MURPHY:

16 I move to approve.

17 MS. STIMSON:

18 I'll second.

19 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

20 Any other discussion? All in favor of
21 approving the revised applications for
22 the provider sponsor and approval of the
23 revised application for individual
24 approval? Any apposed? Any
25 abstentions?

1 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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3 Report of Commissioner - No Report

4 [Theodore Stauffer, Executive Assistant, Bureau of
5 Professional and Occupational Affairs, on behalf of K.
6 Kalonji Johnson, Commissioner, had nothing official to
7 report but offered to take any questions or concerns
8 to the Commissioner.]

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10 Appointment - Bureau of Finance and Operations Annual
11 Budget Presentation

12 [Kimberly Adams, Chief of Fiscal Management, Bureau of
13 Finance and Operations, Department of State, addressed
14 licensee population from a revenue standpoint. She
15 noted a licensee population of 8,253 in FY-2016-2017
16 with an increase of 475 in FY 2018-2019 to 8,728 and
17 another increase of 786 in FY 2020-2021 to 9,514. She
18 it increased another 19 this morning, where speech-
19 language pathologists increased from 8,488 to 8,507
20 and audiologists stayed the same, giving a current
21 licensee total of 9,533.

22 Ms. Adams noted revenue by source. She reviewed
23 categories and actual revenue for FY 2018-2019 and FY
24 2019-2020, showing a biennial total. She noted 96.5%
25 of revenue is coming from renewals and applications.

1 She noted the last fee increase was in 2018, and all
2 license classes are \$65 biennially. She mentioned
3 expenses incur from timesheet-based charges, direct-
4 based charges, and licensee-based charges.

5 Ms. Adams provided a categorical breakdown of
6 expenses, noting the current budget for FY 2020-2021
7 and current expenses as of May 21, 2021. She noted
8 the current expenses increased, giving a new total.
9 She stated the budget was adequate for FY 2020-2021.

10 Ms. Adams reviewed revenues and expenses for FY
11 2020-2021 and reported a bottom-line figure. She
12 mentioned fee increases a few years back are working
13 as proposed with a growth in the bottom line.

14 Chair Goldman questioned whether there was a
15 target for the remaining balance, where perhaps there
16 would be a fee reduction. Ms. Adams explained that
17 some funding should be kept there because one major
18 legal case could decrease the bottom line quickly, and
19 it takes a while for a fee increase to go through.
20 She noted the remaining balance should at least cover
21 a biennial amount of expenses, and the Board is in a
22 good place at the current time.

23 Ms. Adams addressed why projected expenses and the
24 budget varies between even and odd years, noting an
25 increase in expenses during a renewal period because

1 of an increase in administrative costs.

2 Ms. Adams reviewed Board member expenses, noting
3 current expenses and the current budget of \$15,000 for
4 FY 2020-2021, which is adequate and has been carried
5 to FY 2021-2022. She noted the most current expenses.
6 She mentioned that any excess remains in the
7 restricted account for the Board's use.]

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9 Report of Other Board Members - No Report

10 [Patrick M. Murphy, Au.D., M.Ed., CCC-A, FAAA, noted
11 looking forward to the day the Board could resume
12 meetings in Harrisburg.

13 Mr. Stauffer informed everyone the department is
14 still awaiting direction from higher up regarding any
15 in-person meetings and is also awaiting the
16 legislature's decision in determining what waivers
17 will end and continue. He will inform the Board of
18 any changes.]

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20 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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22 Miscellaneous

23 [Sandra E. Matter, Board Administrator, noted the
24 proposed 2022 meeting dates are scheduled for March 4,
25 June 3, September 2, and December 2.

1 Ms. Matter will forward the dates to Mr. Stauffer
2 to be placed on the Board meeting calendar for 2022.]

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4 Adjournment

5 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

6 If there is no other business, we are
7 looking for a motion to adjourn.

8 DR. MURPHY:

9 I move to adjourn.

10 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

11 Is there a second?

12 DR. MCCALL:

13 Second.

14 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

15 Any discussion? Maybe we will see you
16 all in person at the next meeting.

17 Thank you all for attending today. The
18 meeting is adjourned.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 [There being no further business, the State Board of
22 Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
23 Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing summary minutes of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Meeting, was reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and that the minutes accurately summarize the substance of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Meeting.



Derek Richmond,

Minute Clerk

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REFERENCE INDEX

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TIME

AGENDA

9:00	Executive Session
10:30	Return to Open Session
10:31	Official Call to Order
10:31	Introduction of Board Members/Attendees
10:37	Approval of Minutes
10:37	Report of Board Counsel
10:43	Report of Board Chairperson
11:00	Appointment - Kimberly Adams, Chief of Fiscal Management, Bureau of Finance and Operations Annual Budget Presentation
11:18	Miscellaneous
11:23	Adjournment