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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: 09:36 A.M.

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Board Room C
One Penn Center
2601 North Third Street
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

March 13, 2020

1 State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language
2 Pathology & Audiology
3 March 13, 2020
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6 BOARD MEMBERS:
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8 Amy S. Goldman, M.S., C.C.C.-S.L.P., Chairperson
9 K. Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner of
10 Professional and Occupational Affairs
11 Ted Stauffer, Executive Secretary, on behalf of
12 K. Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner of
13 Professional and Occupational Affairs
14 Patrick M. Murphy, Au.D., Board Member
15 Nancy Stimson, Public Member
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18 BUREAU PERSONNEL:
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20 Nicole VanOrder, Esquire, Board Counsel
21 Judith Patcher-Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel
22 Christopher McNally, Esquire, Board Prosecution
23 Liaison
24 Sandra E. Matter, Board Administrator
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26 Kim Adams, Fiscal Chief, Bureau of Finance and
27 Operations, Department of State
28 Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Department of State
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32 ALSO PRESENT:
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34 Ted Mowatt, Vice President/Lobbyist, Wanner
35 Associates Representing the Pennsylvania Academy
36 of Audiology
37 Angie Armbrust, Senior Associate, McNeas-Winter Group
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2 State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language

3 Pathology & Audiology

4 March 13, 2020

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6 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
7 Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology was
8 held on Friday, March 13, 2020. Amy S. Goldman, MS,
9 CCC-SLP., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at
10 9:36 a.m.

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12 [Chairperson Goldman requested the introduction of
13 Board and public members in attendance.]

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15 Approval of minutes of December 6, 2019 meeting

16 CHAIRPERSON GOLDMAN:

17 Do I have a motion to approve the draft
18 minutes with changes?

19 MS. STIMSON:

20 Motion.

21 DR. MURPHY:

22 Second.

23 CHAIRPERSON GOLDMAN:

24 Are there any discussions, additions,
25 corrections to the minutes? Here and

1 none, all in favor of approving the
2 minutes as submitted. Opposed?

3 MR. STUAFFER:

4 I'll abstain from voting.

5 [The motion carried. Mr. Stauffer abstained from the
6 vote on the motion.]

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8 Appointment - Bureau of Finance & Operations

9 [Kimberly S. Adams, Fiscal Chief, Bureau of Finance
10 and Operations, Department of State, presented the
11 State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology
12 and Audiology Budget Report. Ms. Adams referred to a
13 PowerPoint presentation made available to the Board
14 during the meeting. She addressed licensee population
15 from a revenue standpoint. She noted 9,493 licensees
16 in FY 2019-2020, 8,634 in FY 2015-2016, and 8,839 in
17 FY 2017-2018. She mentioned another a recent increase
18 of 22 licensees, bringing the total licensee
19 population to 9,515. 8,462 were Speech-Language
20 Pathologists; 1,053 were Audiologists.

21 Ms. Adams stated the revenue presented was data
22 taken from the active licensees in Speech-Language
23 Pathologist count, not provisional licensees Ms. Adams
24 reviewed the biennial total revenue by source. She
25 reviewed categories and actual revenue for FY 2017-

1 2018 and FY 2018-2019, as well as the biennial total.

2 She stated 96 percent of the revenue was from
3 renewals and applications.

4 Ms. Adams provided a categorical breakdown of
5 expenses for FY 2017-2018 and FY 2018-2019 with a
6 current budget for FY 2019-2020 and the expenses as of
7 February 25, 2020. She noted a recent increase in
8 expenses. She mentioned expenses are incurred from
9 direct-based charges, timesheet-based charges, and
10 licensee-based charges. She stated the current budget
11 would sufficient for the year.

12 Dr. Murphy questioned the increase in expenses.
13 Ms. Adams attributed the increase to an increase in
14 hearings this year compared to the previous year. She
15 also noted that all Boards were allocated the fee of
16 PALS.

17 Ms. Adams noted the description of categories for
18 Board member expenses. She reviewed the actual Board
19 Member expenses for FY 2017-2018, FY 2018-2019, as
20 well as the current budgeted figures and expenses.

21 Ms. Pachter Schulder questioned the allocation of
22 funds with a surplus. Ms. Adams answered the surplus
23 funds remain in restricted funds category for the
24 Board's use. Ms. Adams noted that if the surplus
25 funds increase, an option would be to waive renewal

1 fees to decrease this number.]

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3 Report of Prosecutorial Division - No Report

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5 Report of Board Counsel

6 [Nicole VanOrder, Esquire, Board Counsel, at the
7 request of Chairperson Goldman, provided a summary of
8 her professional background.

9 Ms. VanOrder announced item 2, Proposed Licensure
10 by Endorsement Under Act 41 would be discussed in
11 public. Item 3 on the agenda, Final Adjudication and
12 Order for Christine Elizabeth Selinsky, SLP, Case No.
13 14-68-08957, would be discussed during the Executive
14 Session, along with items 4 and 5 on the agenda.]

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16 Proposed Licensure by Endorsement Under Act 41

17 [Ms. VanOrder distributed a document outlining two
18 suggestions for the Board to consider regarding Act
19 41. She discussed clarification language related to
20 practicing for 2 or 5 years in the prior licensed
21 jurisdiction.

22 Ms. VanOrder stated the Board sent an Exposure
23 Draft as of January 10, 2020, and no comments were
24 received. She announced the next step would be to
25 prepare the regulatory package for Board approval.

1 Ms. Pachter Schulder summarized for the Board the
2 process after the regulatory package is approved and
3 sent to the State.

4 Ms. Van Order invited any individuals in the
5 audience for comment on the regulation. Ms. Pachter
6 Schulder mentioned the Board will make and vote on
7 recommendations. Once the package is prepared by Ms.
8 Van Order, the package would be internally reviewed
9 by the Bureau, followed by the Department and then
10 the office of General Counsel, Office of Budget and
11 House.

12 Once approved the package is sent to the Office
13 of Attorney General and signed, it proceeds to the
14 Legislative Committee and published in the
15 Pennsylvania Bulletin. Ms. Pachter Schulder noted
16 the Board would need to address comments from the
17 Legislative Committee in order to proceed.

18 Dr. Murphy asked the timeline for the passage of
19 the regulatory package. Ms. Pachter Schulder stated
20 the Regulatory Review Act indicated the regulatory
21 review line to be a 2-year process from draft to
22 publication.]

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24 CHAIRPERSON GOLDMAN:

25 Are there any other questions?

1 Then we need a motion to adopt the
2 proposed form.

3 DR. MURPHY:

4 So moved.

5 MS. STIMSON:

6 Second.

7 CHAIRPERSON GOLDMAN:

8 All in favor of adopting the proposed
9 regulations? Any opposed? Abstentions?

10 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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12 Report of Board Chairperson

13 [Amy S. Goldman, Board Chairperson, announced that in
14 December the Board approved sending staff to the PSHA
15 (Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association)
16 conference. There is a possibility that conference
17 could be canceled due the Covid-19 pandemic.

18 Chairperson Goldman noted the travel restrictions on
19 all State Employees. Chairperson Goldman offered to
20 keep the Board apprised of any changes.]

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22 Report of Commissioner

23 [Ted Stauffer, Executive Secretary, on behalf of K.
24 Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner of Professional
25 and Occupational Affairs, presented information

1 regarding the Covid-19 pandemic. He encouraged the
2 Board, if they needed more information, to refer to
3 the CDC and Department of Health websites. Mr.
4 Stauffer announced that all state travel and meetings
5 for state employees would be canceled due to the
6 pandemic. He reviewed the health safety guidelines
7 on social distancing. He offered to keep the Board
8 apprised on upcoming State Board meetings.

9 Chairperson Goldman commended Secretary Levine
10 and Governor Wolf for including sign language
11 interpretation during the press conferences.]

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13 [Chairperson Goldman requested Ms. Stimson provide a
14 report on the impact her providers are experiencing
15 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

16 Ms. Stimson discussed providing services for
17 Montgomery County. She announced being recently
18 approved for providing tele-therapy. Ms. Stimson
19 will be providing the providers this information as
20 soon as possible. Providers are struggling to keep
21 clients due to the fear of having outsiders come into
22 their homes with the pandemic. Ms. Stimson noted
23 that all the contractors were very aware of the
24 issues with the pandemic.]

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1 [Patrick M. Murphy noted safety precautions. He
2 takes all precautions with the facilities he visits.]

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4 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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6 [Dr. Murphy questioned Mr. McNally as to the number
7 of cases the Board could have on the agenda in the
8 near future. Mr. McNally noted 2 or 3 open files
9 that were under investigation. Most of the cases are
10 handled without litigation. He stated only cases
11 resulting in litigation are presented to the Board.]

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13 Correspondence

14 Letter from Dorlas Riley, M.S. CCC, S.L.P

15 [Ms. Pachter Schulder discussed a letter from Dorlas
16 Riley questioning whether a course taken on Ethics
17 would be considered Practice Management. Ms. Pachter
18 Schulder noted the regulations indicate acceptable
19 courses. A reply correspondence would be written by
20 Ms. Matter to Dorlas Riley.]

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22 [Chairperson Goldman requested the introduction of a
23 new audience member joining the meeting at 10:13 a.m.
24 Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Department of State,
25 introduced himself to the Board.]

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2 [Theodore Stauffer, Executive Secretary, exited the
3 meeting at 10:14 a.m.]

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5 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act,
6 at 10:14 a.m. the Board entered into Executive
7 Session with Nicole VanOrder, Esquire, for the
8 purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on
9 matters that are pending before the Board. The Board
10 returned to open session at 10:38 a.m.]

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12 [K. Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner, entered the
13 meeting during the Executive Session.]

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15 MOTIONS

16 CHAIRPERSON GOLDMAN:

17 I need a motion to approve the final
18 Adjudication and Order in the matter
19 of Christine Elizabeth Selinsky, Case
20 No. 14-68-08957.

21 Do I have a motion to approve?

22 MS. STIMSON:

23 I motion.

24 CHAIRPERSON GOLDMAN:

25 I'll second.

1 CHAIRPERSON GOLDMAN:

2 Are there any discussions? All in
3 favor, aye. Opposed?

4 DR. MURPHY:

5 Opposed.

6 CHAIRPERSON GOLDMAN:

7 One. Any abstentions?

8 MR. JOHNSON:

9 One abstention.

10 CHAIRPERSON GOLDMAN:

11 One abstention. It passes.

12 [The motion carried. Mr. Murphy opposed the motion.
13 Mr. Johnson abstained from voting on this motion.]

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15 CHAIRPERSON GOLDMAN:

16 Make a motion to approve the education
17 for Michelle Burke.

18 DR. MURPHY:

19 I motion.

20 MS. STIMSON:

21 Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON GOLDMAN:

23 Abstentions?

24 MR. JOHNSON:

25 Abstain.

1 meetings to be held within the next couple of weeks
2 due to the restrictions on travel for State
3 Employees.]

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5 Act 41 (Continued)

6 [Ms. VanOrder addressed the stakeholder list on
7 Proposed Licensure by Endorsement Under Act 41. She
8 informed the Board it was suggested to include all
9 schools on the list. Ms. VanOrder acknowledged that
10 these schools can be accessed through the ASHA
11 website. She asked if the Board would like to
12 include the schools listed in ASHA. The
13 qualifications are currently a masters in Speech-
14 Language Pathology and a Doctorate in Audiology.
15 The undergraduate programs do not come directly to
16 the Board once their Bachelor's degree is completed.

17 The Board, after continued discussion, agreed to
18 add the schools listed in ASHA.]

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20 Adjournment

21 CHAIRPERSON GOLDMAN:

22 Without any further ado, is there a
23 motion to adjourn?

24 MR. JOHNSON:

25 I would move to adjourn.

1 DR. MURPHY:

2 Second.

3 CHAIRPERSON GOLDMAN:

4 All in favor? Aye, the motion passes.

5 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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7 [There being no further business, the State Board of
8 Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
9 meeting adjourned at 10:52 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, 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
Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE
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REFERENCE INDEX
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9:36	Introduction of Board and Audience
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9:38	Appointment, Kimberly S. Adams
9:50	Report of Board Counsel
10:02	Report of Chairperson
10:03	Report of Acting Commissioner
10:11	Correspondence
10:14	Executive Session
10:38	Return to Open Session
10:39	Motions
10:50	Report of Acting Commissioner (Continued)
10:52	Adjournment