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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: 9:30 A.M.

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

June 7, 2019

1                   State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language  
2                   Pathology and Audiology  
3                   June 7, 2019  
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6 BOARD MEMBERS:  
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8 Ann C. Roman, MS, CCC-SLP, Chairperson  
9 Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
10 Professional and Occupational Affairs  
11 Louis R. Sieminski, Ph.D., Vice Chairman  
12 Amy S. Goldman, MS, CCC-SLP, Secretary  
13 Sarah E. Delano, M.Ed., CCC-A  
14 Brian J. McKinnon, M.D., MBA, MPH, FACS  
15 Nancy J. Stimson, Public Member - Absent  
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18 BUREAU PERSONNEL:  
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20 Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel  
21 Christopher K. McNally, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
22 Liaison  
23 Sandra E. Matter, Board Administrator  
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26 ALSO PRESENT:  
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28 Angie Armbrust, Senior Associate, McNeas-Winter  
29 Group LLC, representing the Pennsylvania Speech-  
30 Language-Hearing Association  
31 Ted Mowatt, Senior Associate, Wanner Associates,  
32 representing the Pennsylvania Academy of Audiology  
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1 State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language

2 Pathology and Audiology

3 June 7, 2019

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5 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State  
6 Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and  
7 Audiology was held on Friday, June 7, 2019. Ann C.  
8 Roman, MS, CCC-SLP, Chairperson, called the meeting to  
9 order at 9:30 a.m. Kalonji Johnson, Acting  
10 Commissioner, Bureau of Professional and Occupational  
11 Affairs, was not present at the commencement of the  
12 meeting.

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14 [Chairperson Roman requested the introduction of those  
15 in attendance.]

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17 Approval of minutes of the March 8, 2018

18 CHAIRPERSON ROMAN:

19 I need the approval of the minutes.

20 [The Board discussed corrections to the minutes.]

21 CHAIRPERSON ROMAN:

22 I need a motion to approve the minutes  
23 with changes.

24 DR. SIEMINSKI:

25 I make a motion.

1 DR. MCKINNON:

2 Second.

3 CHAIRPERSON ROMAN:

4 All those who approve? Those opposed?

5 Abstentions?

6 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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8 Report of Prosecutorial Division

9 [Christopher K. McNally, Esquire, Board Prosecution  
10 Liaison, introduced himself and provided a brief  
11 summary of his professional background.

12 Chairperson Roman welcomed Mr. McNally.]

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14 Report of Board Counsel - No Report

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16 Report of Chairperson

17 [Ann C. Roman, MS, CCC-SLP, Chairperson, thanked Ms.  
18 Goldman for her presentation at the Pennsylvania  
19 Speech-Language-Hearing Association (PSHA) Conference  
20 and acknowledged work by other Board members,  
21 particularly continuing education. She noted the need  
22 to continue CE services to the PSHA conferences and to  
23 the licensees.

24 Ms. Pachter Schulder suggested that PSHA may be  
25 willing to put out an article or an email blast to

1 their members reminding the members of the difference  
2 between the Board and the professional association and  
3 separate licensure requirements for biennial renewal.]

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5 [Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
6 Professional and Occupational Affairs, entered the  
7 meeting at 9:39 a.m.]

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9 [Ms. Pachter Schulder discussed the potential for the  
10 Board to write an article for the association's  
11 newsletter and amending the FAQs on the Board's  
12 website for continuing education. She stated the  
13 association could link to the website because that  
14 would not need approval. She noted the need to change  
15 the FAQs regarding the continuing education (CE)  
16 amount, suggesting the Board list something that says  
17 the Board encourages 1 hour in ethics.

18 Acting Commissioner Johnson stated the director  
19 of digital media would be helpful with linking a lot  
20 of the FAQs and web developments to social media,  
21 where chances of the information being seen are a lot  
22 greater. He commented that this was not a bureau-  
23 specific Facebook presence but is part of the overall  
24 department's Facebook presence that can be pushed  
25 through Facebook and Twitter.]

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2 Report of Acting Commissioner

3 [Kalonji Johnson, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of  
4 Professional and Occupational Affairs, noted movement  
5 with a couple of bills in the Professional Licensure  
6 Committee. He discussed Representative Hickernell's  
7 endorsement bill requiring Boards to grant temporary  
8 permits to out-of-state applicants who hold a license  
9 in another state and have no discipline on their  
10 records or criminal convictions.

11 Acting Commissioner Johnson commented that the  
12 bill was voted unanimously out of committee, was  
13 tabled, and will be up for consideration. He stated  
14 the bill will affect all 29 boards and commissions,  
15 improving licensure portability and enticing folks to  
16 come to the Commonwealth, especially licensed  
17 professionals.

18 Ms. Goldman updated the Board regarding the  
19 compact for speech-language-hearing pathology. She  
20 stated The Council of State Governments and the  
21 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA),  
22 who is the financier, are targeting several states for  
23 the initial compact states.

24 Ms. Goldman mentioned that they are hoping to  
25 have a legislator from each of those states to attend

1 a summit in August. She noted a draft bill that was  
2 in its final stages to possibly be presented at the  
3 educational summit.

4 Acting Commissioner Johnson noted the intent of  
5 the endorsement bill to obviate the discussion around  
6 compacts, because it was felt that discussion was  
7 around endorsement would eliminate a concern that  
8 compacts would come to fruition. He noted the need  
9 for discussion with legislators concerning compacts  
10 having a broader application that the endorsement bill  
11 does not address.

12 Acting Commissioner Johnson also noted that there  
13 is no legislation that would deal with the Federal  
14 Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) policy regarding  
15 providing criminal history and information to  
16 nongovernment agencies.]

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18 Report of Other Board Members

19 [Amy S. Goldman, MS, CCC, Secretary, requested  
20 approval for herself and other Board members to talk  
21 with students at Moravian College regarding their new  
22 speech-language pathology program.

23 Ms. Pachter Schulder suggested a motion to  
24 approve the request for Board members to make  
25 presentations at speech-language pathology and

1 audiology programs within the Commonwealth provided  
2 that the budgetary issues and travel issues are  
3 resolvent.]

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5 CHAIRPERSON ROMAN:

6 I need a motion.

7 MS. GOLDMAN:

8 So moved.

9 DR. MCKINNON:

10 Second.

11 CHAIRPERSON ROMAN:

12 All those in favor? Those opposed?

13 Abstained?

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 Report of Board Administrator

17 [Sandra E. Matter, Board Administrator, noted four  
18 applications for review during executive session. She  
19 also noted June correspondence.]

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21 Miscellaneous - Election of Officers

22 [Sandra E. Matter, Board Administrator, stated the  
23 election of officers will be held today, noting the  
24 Chair and Vice Chair USQ expires in September.]

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1 DR. SIEMINSKI:

2 I nominate Amy Goldman for Chair.

3 DR. MCKINNON:

4 I second.

5 CHAIRPERSON ROMAN:

6 Elected by acclamation.

7 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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9 DR. SIEMINSKI:

10 How about you, Sarah, Vice Chair?

11 DR. MCKINNON:

12 Second.

13 CHAIRPERSON ROMAN:

14 Elected by acclamation.

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 Miscellaneous - (cont.)

18 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
19 discussed the need for a Board member to be on the  
20 Probable Cause Screening Committee. She explained  
21 that the Probable Cause Screening Committee  
22 temporarily suspends individuals with information  
23 brought from prosecution.

24 Ms. Pachter Schulder stated it is a legally low  
25 standard of what needs to be proved because it is

1 followed by a hearing conducted by a hearing examiner,  
2 where someone is checking for sufficient evidence to  
3 go forward. She noted that the person who sits for  
4 that probable cause matter cannot participate in the  
5 matter before the Board.

6 Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
7 noted the likelihood of the Board to not have a  
8 meeting due to only having three members.]

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10 [Ted Mowatt, Senior Associate, Wanner Associates,  
11 representing the Pennsylvania Academy of Audiology,  
12 noted his work with Dr. McKinnon and an ear, nose, and  
13 throat (ENT) group to look for potential language for  
14 updates of both the hearing aid dealer law and the  
15 scope of practice. He stated Pennsylvania Academy of  
16 Audiology (PAA) has been looking at some other issues,  
17 and PSHA also has some tweaks that they might suggest  
18 for the law.

19 Mr. Mowatt noted future meetings with hearing aid  
20 dealers to see what they have in mind. He commented  
21 that the hearing aid dealer law is under the  
22 Department of Health. He stated there is now a scope  
23 of practice that includes the fitting of hearing aids,  
24 and he has been working with the Department of Health  
25 regarding some tweaks to the 1976 law.

1 Mr. Mowatt questioned whether the Board had any  
2 clerical or managerial issues and requested language  
3 from Board counsel and the Department of Health.

4 Mr. Mowatt will report back to PAA as to any  
5 update on the nominations. He also will contact Mr.  
6 Latanishen as far as Board members to hopefully  
7 resolve the issue before September.

8 Mr. Mowatt encouraged attendance to the  
9 Pennsylvania Academy of Audiology Convention October  
10 2-4 in Lancaster.]

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12 Miscellaneous - NCSB Call for Nominations

13 [Amy S. Goldman, MS, CCC, Secretary, recommended  
14 attendance at the National Council of State Boards of  
15 Examiners Conference September 26-28 in San Antonio.  
16 She requested the Board nominate Doreen Oyadomari.]

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18 CHAIRPERSON ROMAN:

19 I make a motion to approve up to two  
20 Board members to attend the NCSB Meeting  
21 in San Antonio.

22 There is a motion. Discussion?

23 DR. SIEMINSKI:

24 Second.

25 CHAIRPERSON ROMAN:

1 All those in favor? Those opposed?  
2 Abstained?

3 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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5 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

6 I make a motion that we nominate  
7 Ms. Oyadomari?

8 DR. SIEMINSKI:

9 So moved.

10 CHAIRPERSON ROMAN:

11 Second.

12 CHAIRPERSON ROMAN:

13 All those who approve?

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at  
17 10:30 a.m. the Board entered into Executive Session  
18 with Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
19 for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial  
20 deliberations and to receive legal advice. The Board  
21 entered into public session at 10:45 a.m.]

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23 [Louis R. Sieminski, Ph.D., Vice Chairperson, thanked  
24 the Board, stating that it was an honor to have  
25 served.]

1 Chairperson Roman thanked Dr. Sieminski for his  
2 service.]

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4 MOTIONS

5 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

6 During executive session, the Board  
7 engaged in quasi-judicial deliberations  
8 on the applications that were on the  
9 agenda.

10 Is there a motion to approve the  
11 Application to Practice as a Speech-  
12 Language Pathologist by Waiver of Eric  
13 Joseph Sanders?

14 MS. GOLDMAN:

15 So moved.

16 DR. MCKINNON:

17 Second.

18 CHAIRPERSON ROMAN:

19 All those in favor?

20 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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22 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

23 Is there a motion to approve the  
24 Provisional License as a Speech-Language  
25 Pathologist for Michelle Katherine

1 Tulcan?

2 DR. MCKINNON:

3 So moved.

4 CHAIRPERSON ROMAN:

5 I'll second. Let's have a motion to  
6 approve. All those in favor? Opposed?  
7 Abstained?

8 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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10 MS. PACHTER SCHULDER:

11 Is there a motion for Approval of  
12 Continuing Education Applications for  
13 the Children's Institute SLT Department  
14 and PSHA 2019 in Review: Stuttering  
15 Assessment and Treatment; ELearning for  
16 Therapists, Inc. - The Premature Infant  
17 and Early Intervention?

18 DR. MCKINNON:

19 So moved.

20 MR. JOHNSON:

21 Second.

22 CHAIRPERSON ROMAN:

23 All those in favor? Opposed? Abstained  
24 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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1 [Judith Pachter Schulder, Esquire, Board Counsel,  
2 thanked Dr. McKinnon, Dr. Sieminski, and Ms. Roman for  
3 their service to the Board.]

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5 Adjournment

6 CHAIRPERSON ROMAN:

7 I need a motion to adjourn?

8 DR. MCKINNON:

9 So moved.

10 MR. JOHNSON:

11 Second.

12 CHAIRPERSON ROMAN:

13 It has been approved.

14 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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16 [There being no further business, the State Board of  
17 Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology  
18 Meeting adjourned at 10:47 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.



Seth R. Baier,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting  
Service, Inc.



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REFERENCE INDEX

June 7, 2019

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9:31	Approval of Minutes
9:34	Report of Prosecutorial Division
9:35	Report of Board Chairperson
9:44	Report of Acting Commissioner
9:54	Report of Other Board Members
9:54	Miscellaneous
10:06	Report of Board Administrator
10:30	Executive Session
10:45	Return to Open Session
10:45	Motions
10:47	Adjournment