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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: 10:34 A.M.

September 3, 2021

1 State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language
2 Pathology and Audiology
3 September 3, 2021
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6 BOARD MEMBERS:
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8 Amy S. Goldman, MS, CCC-SLP, Chair
9 K. Kalonji Johnson, Commissioner, Bureau of
10 Professional and Occupational Affairs - Absent
11 Sarah E. Delano, M.Ed., CCC-A, Vice Chair
12 Nancy J. Stimson, Secretary, Public Member
13 Lisa Butler, M.A., CCC-SLP
14 Andrew A. McCall, M.D., FACS
15 Patrick M. Murphy, Au.D., M.Ed., CCC-A, FAAA
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18 BUREAU PERSONNEL:
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20 Nicole L. VanOrder, Esquire, Board Counsel
21 Christopher K. McNally, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
22 Sandra E. Matter, Board Administrator
23 Sarah McNeill, Board Administrator
24 Marc Farrell, Deputy Policy Director, Department of
25 State
26 Mallory Turner, Intern, Department of State
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29 ALSO PRESENT:
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31 Angie Armbrust, Senior Associate, McNees-Winter
32 Group LLC, on behalf of Pennsylvania
33 Speech-Language-Hearing Association
34 Jen Smeltz, Republican Executive Director, Senate
35 Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure
36 Committee
37 Jerry J. Livingston, Democratic Executive Director,
38 Senate Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure
39 Committee
40 Ted Mowatt, CAE, Vice President, Wanner Associates, on
41 behalf of the Pennsylvania Academy of Audiology
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2 State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language

3 Pathology and Audiology

4 September 3, 2021

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

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14 [Nicole L. VanOrder, Esquire, Board Counsel, noted the
15 meeting was being recorded, and those who continued to
16 participate were giving their consent to be recorded.

17 Ms. VanOrder also noted the Board entered into
18 executive session prior to the start of the meeting to
19 have quasi-judicial discussions and attorney-client
20 consultations regarding item 2 on the agenda.]

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22 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
23 Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and
24 Audiology was held on Friday, September 3, 2021. Amy
25 S. Goldman, MS, CCC-SLP, Chair, called the meeting to

1 order at 10:34 a.m.

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3 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

4 [Amy S. Goldman, MS, CCC-SLP, Chair, requested the
5 introduction of Board members and guests in
6 attendance.]

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8 Adoption of Agenda

9 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

10 I'd like to call for a motion to adopt
11 the agenda.

12 DR. MURPHY:

13 I move to approve.

14 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

15 Is there a second?

16 MS. STIMSON:

17 Second.

18 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

19 Is there any discussion, additions to
20 the agenda? Hearing none.

21 All in favor of adopting the
22 agenda? Any opposed?

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 Approval of minutes of the June 4, 2021 meeting

1 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

2 The next motion I need is approval of
3 the draft minutes for June 4, 2021.

4 MS. DELANO:

5 I move for approval of the minutes for
6 June 4, 2021.

7 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

8 Is there a second?

9 DR. MURPHY:

10 I second that.

11 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

12 Were there any additions or corrections
13 to the draft minutes? Hearing none.

14 Let's have a vote on the approval
15 of the draft minutes. All in favor?

16 The minutes are approved as submitted.

17 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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19 Report of Prosecutorial Division

20 [Christopher K. McNally, Esquire, Board Prosecutor, on
21 behalf of Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Board Prosecutor,
22 presented the Consent Agreement for Case No. 21-68-
23 008661.]

24 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

25 Is there a motion to accept the Consent

1 Agreement in Case No. 21-68-008661?

2 Looking for a motion?

3 MS. STIMSON:

4 I'll make such a motion.

5 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

6 Is there a second?

7 MS. BUTLER:

8 I will second.

9 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

10 We already had a discussion. Is there
11 any additional discussion?

12 All in favor of the motion to
13 accept the consent agreement? Any
14 opposed? Any abstentions?

15 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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17 Report of Board Counsel

18 [Nicole L. VanOrder, Esquire, Board Counsel, announced
19 she is back on the Board as Board counsel and is
20 replacing Nicole Ehrhart.

21 Ms. VanOrder noted Commissioner Johnson would not
22 be available today but that he provided information
23 for her to present to the Board. She informed the
24 Board that waivers would expire on September 30, and
25 the Board would no longer have the ability to extend

1 the waivers unless there was a legislative change.

2 Ms. VanOrder announced that all meetings would be
3 in person starting October 1. She informed the Board
4 that they do not have a physical presence requirement
5 and that both Board members and attendees may be able
6 to participate virtually.

7 Ms. VanOrder noted in-person travel requests are
8 back to pre-COVID requirements, but virtual attendance
9 is strongly preferred when available. She also noted
10 the department is asking that physical travel requests
11 be submitted as soon as possible due to staffing
12 shortages.

13 Ms. VanOrder, on behalf of Commissioner Johnson,
14 thanked the Board for their service and those
15 attending the meeting as well.

16 Chair Goldman commented that Pennsylvania has no
17 specific legislation at this point regarding
18 telepractice. She stated the importance of
19 telemedicine for consumers and the safety of
20 practitioners became known during COVID and requested
21 clarity from legislative representatives concerning
22 telepractice in speech-language pathology and
23 audiology.

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25 [Chair Goldman experienced technical difficulties.]

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2 [Jen Smeltz, Republican Executive Director, Senate
3 Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure
4 Committee, noted telemedicine to clearly be
5 beneficial. She addressed the payment issue, where
6 some insurers will continue to pay for telemedicine
7 and documentation out of the Department of Human
8 Services stating they will continue to pay for some of
9 the services also.

10 Ms. Smeltz mentioned discussion regarding
11 extending some of the waivers, noting that would need
12 to go before the General Assembly. She mentioned
13 looking at extending telemedicine and also for
14 students and licenses and their clinical hours they
15 may need.

16 Ms. Smeltz informed everyone to communicate
17 valuable waivers through the Bureau of Professional
18 and Occupational Affairs (BPOA), legislators, Mr.
19 Livingston, Ms. Wilson, or herself to ensure adequate
20 discussion.

21 Jerry J. Livingston, Democratic Executive
22 Director, Senate Consumer Protection & Professional
23 Licensure Committee, mentioned working collaboratively
24 with a lot of the different state associations
25 representing members in a lot of the different medical

1 fields and practices. He emphasized the importance of
2 input and stated timing was critical.

3 Ms. Butler addressed the continued need for
4 teletherapy services in rural areas that have a
5 shortage of speech therapist, where some children will
6 not get services because there is not a provider
7 within 60 miles or more. She mentioned the importance
8 of looking at certain circumstances because of
9 staffing shortages in different areas and continuing
10 telemedicine and moving forward.

11 Ms. Stimson commented that medically fragile
12 children have also benefited greatly from telehealth
13 and is praying for the opportunity to continue that.]

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15 [Chair Goldman reentered the meeting.]

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17 [Ms. VanOrder provided a recap for Chair Goldman,
18 noting that telemedicine is on the radar
19 legislatively, and it sounds like a bipartisan effort
20 to work collaboratively regarding telehealth. She
21 noted Ms. Butler and Ms. Stimson added some
22 information concerning the benefits of telehealth and
23 how there are staffing shortages and places where
24 there would not be access without telehealth.

25 Ms. VanOrder mentioned Chair Goldman correctly

1 noted earlier, as with all of the boards, that there
2 is nothing in the act or regulation that speaks to
3 allowing or disallowing telehealth but is usually an
4 issue of payment.

5 Chair Goldman commented that it is good to know
6 that telemedicine is being recognized as an important
7 form of service provision.]

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9 Report of Board Chair

10 [Amy S. Goldman, MS, CCC-SLP, Chair, announced that
11 the Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association
12 (PSHA) Convention is April 6-9, 2022, in Pittsburgh.
13 She mentioned prior conventions, where the Board
14 usually provided a session on updates, and was looking
15 for Board members who are interested and available.

16 Chair Goldman noted the deadline for papers is
17 September 22 and that she would submit a PowerPoint
18 framework that was used in the past for review and
19 approval.

20 Ms. Delano offered to participate but would check
21 her clinical schedule.

22 Chair Goldman questioned whether anybody else
23 would be interested and available, noting multiple
24 people have been approved in the past because it is an
25 active presentation.

1 Ms. Matter stated the Board was currently
2 permitted to send two Board members and would have to
3 check to see if anymore members would be eligible to
4 attend. She suggested making a motion for two Board
5 members, Board counsel, and Board administrator to
6 attend to cover the motion for approval and will check
7 on that to see if Board counsel and Board
8 administrator are considered part of the two.]

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10 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

11 Would somebody make a motion to that
12 effect?

13 MS. BUTLER:

14 I motion to approve.

15 MS. DELANO:

16 I second.

17 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

18 Is there any further discussion? All in
19 favor of the motion to approve travel to
20 PSHA for two Board members plus Board
21 admin plus Board attorney? All in
22 favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 [Chair Goldman stated one of the functions of the

1 Board, in addition to consumer protection, is to
2 educate licensees. She noted raising a question in
3 June as to whether the Board could have a webinar
4 regarding the application update and guidance for
5 quality continuing education.

6 Ms. VanOrder passed the question to Ms. Ehrhart
7 and did not believe she received information from Ms.
8 Ehrhart when she departed. She apologized and noted
9 it as a priority.

10 Chair Goldman informed the Board that she gave a
11 license versus certification presentation to
12 Moravian's SLP program to address confusion.

13 Chair Goldman addressed the American Speech-
14 Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) Audiology &
15 Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact (ASLP-
16 IC). She reported that 16 states have joined the
17 compact and operation development is going to be the
18 next step. She noted a legislative summit concerning
19 updates on the interstate compact and will provide the
20 link for everyone to review.

21 Chair Goldman stated there had previously not
22 been much traction regarding Pennsylvania joining the
23 compact due to other available paths to help with
24 license portability. She mentioned that Pennsylvania
25 recently signed the nursing interstate compact, and it

1 would behoove them to get up to speed on the compact
2 issue.

3 Chair Goldman noted PSHA had been following this
4 and hoped to have a discussion at the next meeting
5 concerning the interstate compact and whether the
6 Board wants to make a recommendation.

7 Ms. VanOrder commented that none of the compacts
8 have actually been able to be implemented. She
9 mentioned that the Board of Medicine entered into the
10 compact in 2019 but have a fingerprint issue, despite
11 working with the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) and
12 the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and have
13 not been able to overcome that hurdle, which is a
14 concern moving forward for all of the boards.]

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16 Report of Commissioner - No Report

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18 Report of Other Board Members - No Report

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20 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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22 Miscellaneous

23 [Amy S. Goldman, MS, CCC-SLP, Chair, encouraged
24 everyone to read the Audiology & Speech-Language
25 Pathology Interstate Compact update from the American

1 Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

2 Chair Goldman also referred to a document from
3 the Council of State Governments that had been
4 instrumental in establishing compacts for many
5 professions and have been working closely on the
6 Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Interstate
7 Compact. She offered to provide the two links to Ms.
8 Matter for distribution.]

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10 Adjournment

11 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

12 Does anybody want to make a motion to
13 adjourn until our next Board meeting, at
14 which time we hope to see some of you,
15 at least, in person?

16 Motion to adjourn, please?

17 MS. BUTLER:

18 I motion to adjourn.

19 DR. MURPHY:

20 I second.

21 CHAIR GOLDMAN:

22 The meeting is adjourned at 11:16 a.m.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 [There being no further business, the State Board of

1 Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
2 Meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.]

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5 CERTIFICATE

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

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Samantha Sabatini,

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Minute Clerk

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REFERENCE INDEX

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TIME

AGENDA

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10:30	Return to Open Session
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10:37	Adoption of Agenda
10:37	Approval of Minutes
10:38	Report of Prosecutorial Division
10:44	Report of Board Counsel
11:00	Report of Board Chairperson
11:14	Miscellaneous
11:16	Adjournment