

IOWA BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY

January 21, 2022

Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #526

Des Moines, Iowa

Open Session Meeting Minutes

This electronic meeting of the Iowa Board of Speech Pathology and Audiology is being held in accordance with Iowa Code section 21.8. The Code states that a governmental body may conduct a meeting by electronic means only if circumstances are such that meeting in person is impossible or impractical and access is provided to the public. An in-person meeting of the Board to handle this limited agenda is impractical due to COVID-19. Public access to the meeting will be provided via electronic means as described herein. The agenda has been posted on the Board's website.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m.

Roll Call

Members Present

Julie Duer, SLP

George Eichhorn, Public Member

Nancy Almasi, SLP

Caitlyn McKenney, Aud.

Kevin Kock, Aud.

Tessa Register, Assistant Attorney
General

Venus Vendoures Walsh, Board
Executive

Sharon Dozier, Board Executive

Janelle Larson, Board Executive

Vicky Winter-Clearman, Assistant to
Board Administration

Members Absent:

Justin Rhode, Public Member

Karen Bryant, SLP

Guests Present:

None

Staff Present

Steve Garrison, Bureau Chief

Introductions - Introductions were made by the Board and staff in attendance.

Open Session Meeting Minutes

October 15, 2021

Eicchorn moved the Board approve the open session meeting minutes of October 15, 2021 as presented. A second was received by Duer. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Reports

Board Executive Report

Vendoures Walsh reported as of October 2021, the Board's current licensure specialist is Paulette Lappe. She reported there are currently 1,705 active licensed speech pathologists, 1,625 inactive

licensed speech pathologists, no temporary speech pathology permits and 71 active licensed speech pathology clinical licenses. Vendoures Walsh reported there are currently 331 active licensed audiologists, 488 inactive licensed audiologists, zero audiology temporary permit holders and 3 temporary clinical licensed audiologists.

Board Chair Report

There was no report given.

Bureau Chief Report

Bureau Chief Garrison noted the Board's budget information would be added to the Board meeting materials for discussion at the next scheduled meeting.

AAG Report

AAG Register reported on the Board's recent rules filing. She said Senator Brown will add the Board's rule language to a proposed bill; she advised that rulemaking be deferred since legislation is pending. In the event the bill does not pass, discussion of pursuing the proposed rule language may continue. AAG Register added that the proposed bill passed out of subcommittee yesterday with the recommended amendment.

Administrative Rules

Notice to Adopt and File ARC 6057C Speech Pathologists and Audiologists – Cognitive Screening, 301.2

Eicchorn moved the Board table the Notice to Adopt and File ARC 6057C Speech Pathologists and Audiologists – Cognitive Screening, 301.2. A second was received by Duer. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Public Comment

As there was no public present, there was no public comment.

Closed Session Agenda

Review Closed Session Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2021

As there were no closed session items for discussion, the Board did not go into closed session.

Duer moved the Board approve the closed session meeting minutes of July 16, 2022 as presented. A second was received by Almasi. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Future Board Meetings:

Vendoures Walsh asked the Board to approve a change in the upcoming board meeting dates due to conflicts in scheduling for Dozier. The following dates were approved:

April 22, 2022

July 22, 2022

Adjournment

A motion was made by Eichhorn to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 a.m. A second was received from Kock. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

The minutes were approved at the April 22, 2022 board meeting.