

IOWA BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY

April 22, 2022

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

Des Moines, Iowa

Open Session Meeting Minutes

A hybrid meeting was held in conference room #526 of the Lucas State Office Building. Some attendees attended in-person and some attendees attended virtually via Zoom. Instructions for participating via Zoom were provided on the agenda.

Members Present

Julie Duer, SLP

George Eichhorn, Public Member

Kevin Kock, Au.D.

Nancy Almasi, SLP

Jordan Cook, Public Member

Members Absent:

Karen Bryant, SLP

Caitlin McKenney, Au.D.

Staff Present

Steven Garrison, Bureau Chief

Tessa Register, Assistant Attorney General

Sharon Dozier, Executive Officer

Beth Jorgenson, Compliance Administrator

Guest Present:

Becky Drish, licensed SLP, Davenport

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

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

Approval of Open Session Minutes

January 21, 2022

Kock moved the Board approve the open session meeting minutes of January 21, 2022 as presented. A second was received by Almasi. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Reports

Board Executive Report

Executive Sharon Dozier updated the Board on member appointments. She thanked Karen Bryant for her service, whose term ends April 30. She welcomed new public member Jordan Cook. Dozier also reported on the current numbers of active licenses: 1,562 speech pathologists with 0 temporary permits and 69 temporary clinical speech licenses; and 295 audiologists with 0 temporary permits and 2 temporary clinical audiology licenses.

Board Chair Report

No report was given.

Bureau Chief Report

Bureau Chief Garrison provided an update on the Bureau of Professional Licensure being realigned within the new Department of Health and Human Services to be in the same division as the dental, pharmacy, and medical boards. Garrison anticipates this realignment and will result in cost savings and sharing of resources. Garrison also went over the annual budget. If anyone has questions, they may contact Steve.

AAG Report

Register gave an update regarding SF 2193, which unanimously passed the Senate, passed out of the House Committee, and remained pending in the legislature.

New Business

Rules Review

Dozier notified the Board that the entire Bureau is seeking to change its endorsement rules to streamline the process for applicants. The Board considered an amendment to rule 300.9, which would change the process of applying for endorsement by requiring the applicant to only provide verification of licensure from the jurisdiction in which they were most recently licensed. The proposed amendments also require the applicant to disclose public or pending complaints in any other jurisdiction in which they are licensed.

Duer moved the Board issue the notice of proposed rulemaking for rule 300.9 (2)(b). A second was received by Eichhorn. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Administrative Rules

The noticed rules ARC 6075C were discussed for possible adoption. This pertains to speech pathologists and audiologists performing cognitive screenings. Board consensus was to let the rules expire in light of the pending legislation, and no action was taken on ARC 6075C.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Closed Session

Eichhorn moved the Board go into closed session at 8:33 a.m. pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(a), to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state or federal law to be kept confidential, pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(d), to discuss whether to initiate licensee disciplinary investigations or proceedings, and pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(f), to discuss the decision to be rendered in a contested case conducted according to the provisions of 17A. A second was received by Duer. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Duer – Aye
Eichhorn- Aye
Kock - Aye
Almasi – Aye
Cook - Aye

Return to Open Session

The Board returned to open session at 8:39 a.m.

Cook moved the Board approve the Voluntary Surrender of License for 20-0263. A second was received by Kock. All ayes, motion carried.

Future Board Meetings:

July 22, 2022
October 14, 2022

Adjournment

A motion was made by Duer to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 a.m. A second was received from Almasi. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

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