

IOWA BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY

October 15, 2021

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.

1. Call to Order

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

2. 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

Susan Reynolds, Board Executive

Sharon Dozier, 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.

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Eichhorn moved the Board approve the open session meeting minutes of July 16, 2021 as presented. A second was received by Duer. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Administrative Rules

Discussion of possible rules for audiologists performing cognitive screenings.

AAG Register noted she researched minimum hour requirements for professional competency. She referred to the document included in the meeting materials. AAG Register noted the proposed rules would accomplish three objectives, permitting the practice with training or certification and referral when appropriate.

In response to Eicchorn's inquiry, Kock noted the cognitive assessment provides a determination of cognitive concerns, rather than ranking the evaluation as mild, modest or severe, such as dementia.

AAG Register noted a revision to the proposed language omitting, mild, modest or severe dementia in identifying possible cognitive concerns.

Koch proposed the inclusion of a specific cognitive screening test, grounded in research.

In response to AAG Register's inquiry it was noted various other states have general references to cognitive deficits, rather than identifying specific evaluations or tests.

In response to Bureau Chief Garrison's inquiry, AAG Register noted she will include the language, "but not limited to".

Duer moved the Board approve the notice of proposed rules permitting audiologists and speech pathologists to perform cognitive screenings as discussed. A second was received by Koch. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

Public Comment

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

Future Board Meetings:

January 14, 2022

April 15, 2022

July 15, 2022

October 14, 2022

3. Adjournment

A motion was made by Duer to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 a.m. A second was received from McKenney. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

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