

**IOWA BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY**

July 16, 2021

Lucas State Office Building, 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

Susan Reynolds called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Julie Duer, SLP

Karen Bryant, SLP

Douglas Leonard, Aud.

George Eichhorn, Public Member

Kevin Kock, Aud.

**Members Absent:**

Justin Rhode, Public Member

**Staff Present:**

Susan Reynolds, Executive Officer

Tessa Register, Assistant Attorney General

Venus Vendoures Walsh, Executive Officer

Vicky Winter-Clearman, Assistant to Board Administration

**Guests Present:**

None.

Introductions were made by the Board and staff in attendance.

**Election of Officers**

**Chair**

Eichhorn moved the nomination of Duer as Board Chair. A second was received by Leonard. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

### **Vice Chair**

Duer moved the nomination of Eichhorn as Board Vice Chair. A second was received by Bryant. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

### **Open Session Meeting Minutes**

April 16, 2021

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

### **Reports**

Executive Officer

Reynolds discussed the possibility of biannual rather than quarterly meetings. She suggested urgent items would be addressed through a Zoom meeting.

### **Administrative Rules**

Notice to Adopt and File ARC 5666C Iowa Administrative Code 645—Chapter 301, “Practice of Speech Pathologists and Audiologists.”

Eichhorn moved the Board approve the notice to Adopt and File ARC 5666C Iowa Administrative Code 645—Chapter 301, “Practice of Speech Pathologists and Audiologists.” A second was received by Duer. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

### **New Business**

Board staff received an inquiry from the public prior to the meeting: Does the state permit audiologists to complete cognitive screenings as part of communication and functional needs assessments.

The Board discussed the question and Board consensus is the practice is routinely done in the profession’s scope of practice. The Board believed some rules establishing minimum standards could be beneficial and instructed AAG Register to draft proposed rules for the Board to review at its next meeting.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment received.

### **Closed Session**

a. Complaints and investigative information [21.5(1)(d)]

Leonard moved the Board to into closed session at 8:23 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

Bryant – Aye

Leonard – Ayye

Eichhorn – Aye

Kock- Aye.

Motion carried.

### **Return to Open Session**

The Board returned to open session at 8:26 a.m.

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

Duer moved the Board approve the Combined Statement of Charges, Settlement Agreement, and Final Order in SPA 20-0263. A second was received by Leonard. All ayes, nays none, motion carried.

### **Future Board Meetings:**

January 14, 2022

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Eichhorn to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 a.m. A second was received from Duer. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.