



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS, SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS & MUSIC THERAPISTS

The regular session meeting of the Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists and Music Therapist was held October 20, 2022, Via Teleconference. The Regular Session Board meeting came to order at 4:04 p.m.

Staff Present

Ms. Oluremi Dean, Executive Director
Mr. Joshua Frazer, AAG Board Counsel
Ms. Monica Wright, Office Secretary III
Ms. Bernadette Henderson, Deputy Director

Present Members

Ms. Niki Runge, MT
Ms. Fatima Salem, SLP
Dr. Tam Nguyen, MD
Ms. Jill Silverman, SLP
Dr. Barbara McLendon, AUD
Dr. Stacey Samuels-Cole, AUD
Ms. Ellen Stein, CON
Ms. Valerie Hooper, CON
Dr. Carrie Nieman, MD
Ms. Alicia Barksdale, MT
Ms. Mariya Hutto, HAD

Visitors

Ms. Meghan Freshley
Ms. Amanda Kozlowski
Ms. Amanda Mose
Ms. Dianne Wawrzusin
Ms. Juliana Dunn
Ms. Kathleen Hall
Ms. Natasha Montgomery
Ms. Ma Nicole Gayle Cuevas
Ms. Sofie Roller
Ms. Tatyana Martin
Ms. Jill Genn
Ms. Alicia Spoor
Ms. Mary Casper
Ms. Leslie Grant
Ms. Leanne Frist

Absent Members

Dr. Arifa Qureshi, AUD – Board Chair
Dr. Tinita Kearney, SLP – Vice Chair
Mr. Richard Brisbane, HAD
Mr. James Sciabarrasi, HAD

Agenda Review and Approval

Ms. Jill Silverman made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments. Ms. Alicia Barksdale seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes Review and Approval for September 15, 2022

Ms. Ellen Stein made a motion to approve minutes. Dr. Stacey Cole seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Board Chair Report – None

Board Counsel Report – None

Legislative Review

OTC Hearing Aids Federal Rule - Mr. Joshua Frazer, AAG Board Counsel, gave a summary on the OTC Hearing Aids Federal Rule and how it will affect the Board's regulations.

On October 17, 2022, the OTC final rule went into effect. The FDA will be classifying hearing aids as either Over-the-Counter Hearing Aids (OTC hearing Aids) or Prescription Hearing Aids. OTC Hearing Aids are devices that meet specific criteria located in 21 CFR}800.30 and are intended to assist with perceived mild to moderate hearing impairment. Prescription Hearing Aids are any device that is not an OTC Hearing Aid. Prescription Hearing Aids are classified as prescription devices. It does not change the necessary qualifications of who may provide hearing healthcare with prescription hearing aids, including the recommendation, selection, fitting and dispensing of these devices.

Executive Director Report – Mrs. Oluremi Dean

HAD Renewal Reminder- HAD Renewals will open November 1st. An email reminder was sent out to licensees expiring January 31, 2023. Emails notifications will continue to be sent. Licensees selected for audit were also notified.

New Board Member Orientation-The Ethics Commission meeting for new board members will be held on October 24, 2022. New Board Member Orientation will be held on November 4th, 2022.

Office Updates- The Licensing Coordinator position has been posted and now is closed. MSHA was also able to get one of their implicit bias courses approved through OMMHD. Their course will also be posted on MHHD’s website, and the Board has posted a link directing licensees to their webpage on our home page. Our reconnection plan is moving right along. The scope of work was approved by DOIT. DOIT and our IT team will be working together to have the Boards up and running by the first week in December.

Deputy Director Report-None

Budget Report – Mrs. Oluremi Dean

The Board's current balance at the end of September 2022 is \$541,739.22

Licensee Update- Mrs. Oluremi Dean

There are a total of 5699 Active Licensees

AUD-524 AUDA- 8

HAD- 118, HAD-LL- 34

SLP- 4,419, SLP-LL- 355, SLPA-50, SLPA-LL- 51

MT-140

Total Reactivation(s):

1 SLP

Total Reinstatement(s):

AUD-0

HAD-0

SLP- 6

SLPA-0

MT-0

Inactive Status Request:

SLP-1

Limited License Renewals- None

CFY Delegation Changes:

SLP-LL- 4

The total number of applications for Board approval: 92

AUD-Full 3 SLP-Full 44, SLP-LL 21, SLPA-LL 8, SLPA-Full 6, HAD-Full 1, HAD-LL 1, and MT-Full 4.

Ms. Alicia Barksdale made a motion to approve all applications for licensure. Ms. Ellen Stein seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Committee reviewed list of CEU Applications for Board Approval

Ms. Jill Silverman made a motion to approve all CEU courses listed as recommended by the CEU committee. Ms. Alicia Barksdale seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Correspondence & F.Y.I-None

Closing Statement –

Ms. Niki Runge MT

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Next Board Meeting-

November 17, 2022

Adjournment

Ms. Jill Silverman made a motion to adjourn the regular session of the Board meeting. Ms. Alicia Barksdale seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The regular session meeting ended at 4:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ms. Niki Runge, MT