



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 April 21, 2022, Via Teleconference. The Regular Session Board meeting came to order at 4:04 p.m.

Staff Present

Ms. Oluremi Dean, Executive Director
Ms. Andria Keller, Licensing Coordinator
Ms. Monica Wright, Office Secretary III
Mr. Joshua Frazer, AAG Board Counsel
Ms. Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator
Mr. Troy Pumphrey, Board Investigator

Present Members

Ms. Carolyn Stine, SLP, Board Chair
Ms. Jill Silverman, SLP
Dr. Arifa Qureshi, AUD
Mr. James Sciabarrasi, HAD
Mr. Kim Keller, HAD
Mr. Richard Brisbane, HAD
Ms. Niki Runge, MT
Dr. Alicia Barksdale, MT
Ms. Valerie Hooper, CON
Dr. Carrie Nieman, MD

Visitors

None

Absent Members

Dr. Tinita Kearney, SLP, Vice Chair
Dr. Stacey Samuels-Cole, AUD
Dr. Barbara McLendon, AUD
Dr. Tam Nguyen, MD
Ms. Ellen Stein, CON

Agenda Review and Approval

Dr. Arifa Qureshi made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Alicia Barksdale seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous

Minutes Review and Approval for March 17, 2022

Ms. Jill Silverman made a motion to approve minutes. Ms. Niki Runge seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Legislation – Mrs. Oluremi Dean

Mrs. Dean gave a summary of the End of Session 2022 Report for the following bills:

- **HB 122/SB 230 – Health Occupations – Services, Veterans and Military Spouse – Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration and Permitting** – The House bill was not voted out of HGO Committee. The Senate bill passed the Senate but was not voted out of HGO Committee.
- **HB 155/ SB 103 – State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists – Revisions** – The House and Senate bills passed and will go into effect 7/1/22.
- **HB 226 – Public Schools – Self-Contained Special Education Classroom Video Recording Pilot Program** – The House bill passed, but a hearing was not held in the EHE Committee. The Senate bill was not voted out of committee.
- **HB 625/ SB 440 – Commission to Study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland – Establishment** – The House and Senate bills passed with amendments and will go into effect 7/1/22.
- **HB 830 – State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists and Music Therapists – Physician Members – Repeal** – The House bill was not voted out of the HGO Committee.
- **HB 1455/ SB 899 – Health Occupations Boards – Authority Over Staffing Infrastructure Operations** – The House bill was not moved out of the Rules Committee. The Senate bill received an unfavorable vote in the EHE Committee. Therefore, the bill will not pass.
- **SB 77 – Health Occupations Boards – Investigations – Right to Counsel** – The bill passed the Senate with amendments but was not voted out of the HGO Committee. Therefore, the bill has not pass.
- **SB 111 – Occupational Licenses or Certificates – Pre-application Determinations – Criminal Convictions** – The bill was not voted out of the Senate Committee.
- **HB 407/SB 407 – Health Occupations – Health Care Heroes Act of 2022** – It passed the Senate but was not voted out of the HGO Committee. Therefore, the bill has not passed.
- **SB 780 – Cybersecurity Governance Act of 2022** – The bill was not voted out of the Senate Committee.

Board Chair Report – Ms. Carolyn Stine

Ms. Stine asked Board members for suggestions about meeting in-person or continuing virtually. Dr. Arifa Qureshi made a motion to continue virtual meetings. Mr. James Sciabarrasi seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Board Counsel Report - None

Executive Director Report – Mrs. Oluremi Dean

Mrs. Dean reminded Board members to complete their financial disclosures.

The Board currently has open Board member seats for a SLP, HAD and 2 ENTs. Board members have the option to apply for reappointment if they choose to do so.

Ms. Dean announced that the 2022 renewals are in progress. The renewal system opened April 1st for SLPs, SLPAs, and AUDs expiring May 2022. A CEU audit is also in progress for 10% of licensees expiring in 2022.

Updates are being made to the HAD application. There will be separate applications for HAD-LL applicants and HAD Full applicants. There will also be a verification form for clinical hours added to the HAD-LL application.

The Deputy Director Panel Interviews have been concluded. The position will be offered to the selected candidate.

Finally, the Board is continuing to work with the Secretary and DOIT to reconnect the Board to MDHs network. The Board's submitted a joint letter with some concerns and revisions regarding the reconnection plan. The letter included revisions to striking the removal of Board IT staff from the Boards and transferring them to DOIT and allowing them to maintain administrative privileges. The Secretary responded to the Boards stating that if the Boards elect to reconnect to MDHs network, the Board's will be able to maintain our IT staff, however they will not be able to maintain administrative privileges. The Board's will continue to work with the Secretary and DOIT to determine the reconnection plan.

Budget Report – Mrs. Oluremi Dean

The Board's current balance is \$398, 194.27, which includes the renewal applications we've received thus far.

Licensee Update – Mrs. Andria Keller

As of April 2022, there are a total of 5,534 active licenses. AUD-527, AUD-LL-0, HAD-111, HAD-LL-24, SLP-4,358, SLP-LL 304, SLP-A 58, ALPA-LL 42 and MT 110. The total number of reinstatements is AUD 1, SLP-Full 3, SLP-A 1. The total number of Inactive Status requests is 1 SLP-Full. The total number of Limited License Renewals is 2 SLP-LL. The total number of CFY Delegation Changes is 1 SLP-LL and 1 SLPA-LL. The total number for Board approval applications is 72. AUD-Full 4, SLP-Full 44, SLP-LL 5, SLPA-LL 3, HAD-Full 2 and MT-Full 12. The 2022 Renewal Applications Completed, AUD 21, SLP 274 and SLP Asst. 0.

License Applications for Board Approval

Ms. Jill Silverman made a motion to approve all applications for licensure. Ms. Niki Runge seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Review for Committee List of CEU's for Board Approval

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

Correspondence & F.Y.I – None

Closing Statement – Ms. Carolyn Stine, SLP, Board Chair

Next Board Meeting – May 19, 2022

Adjournment

Mr. Richard Brisbane made a motion to adjourn the regular session of the Board meeting. Mr. James Sciabarrasi seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The regular session meeting ended at 4:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Carolyn Stine, SLP
Board Chair