



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 March 17, 2022, 4201 Patterson Ave Baltimore, MD 21215. The Regular Session Board meeting came to order at 4:05 p.m.

Staff Present

Ms. Oluremi Dean, Executive Director
Mr. Joshua Frazer, AAG Board Counsel
Ms. Monica Wright, Office Secretary III
Ms. Andria Keller, Licensing Coordinator
Ms. Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator (Via Phone)

Visitors

none

Absent Members

Dr. Stacey Samuels-Cole, AUD
Ms. Valerie Hooper, CON
Dr. Barbara McLendon, AUD
Mr. Richard Brisbane, HAD

Agenda Review and Approval

Ms. Jill Silverman made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. James Sciabarrasi seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Present Members

Ms. Carolyn Stine SLP, Board Chair
Dr. Arifa Qureshi, AUD
Ms. Jill Silverman, SLP
Mr. James Sciabarrasi, HAD
Mr. Kim Keller, HAD
Ms. Ellen Stein, CON
Ms. Niki Runge, MT
Dr. Alicia Barksdale, MT

Via Phone

Dr. Tinita Kearney, SLP
Dr. Carrie Nieman, MD
Dr. Tam Nguyen, MD

Minutes Review and Approval for February 17, 2022

Ms. Ellen Stein made a motion to approve minutes. Mr. Kim Keller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Legislation- Ms. Lillian Reese gave a brief update on the status of each bill listed below.

- **HB 155/SB 103 - State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists - Revisions -** Both bills have passed as written without any amendments and crossed over to the opposite chamber.
- **HB 226- Public Schools-Self Contained Special Education Classroom Video Recording Pilot Program -** HB 226 passed in the House with amendments. There will now be a pilot study in 5 schools for the 2023-2024 school year.
- **HB 1455/SB 899- Health Occupations Boards-Authority Over Staffing Infrastructure Operations -** SB 899 received an unfavorable report from the Senate committee. HB 1455 was not reviewed by the House.
- **HB 830- State Board of Examiners of Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists and Music Therapists- Physician Members-Repeal-** HB 830 is still in the House Sub Committee and must be voted on to move forward. The deadline for bills crossing over is Monday 3/21/22. The last Sub Committee meeting was today 3/17/22 and HB 830 was not on the agenda. It is stalled and may not go any further.
- **SB 77-Health Occupations Boards-Investigations-Right to Counsel- Several boards participate in a letter of concern.** SB 77 has passed in the Senate with amendments. Another letter of concern will be sent advising an unfavorable response to the amendments. Dr. Tinita Kearney made a motion to join a joint letter of concern with several other Boards. Ms. Alicia Barksdale seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.
- **SB 230- Health Occupations- Services Members, Veterans and Military Spouses-Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting-** SB 230 passed in the senate with amendments and has crossed over to the house.
- **Revised Regulation Proposal-** The Board's regulatory proposal was amended to clarify the Music Therapists regulations. Ms. Niki Runge made a motion to approve the changes. Ms. Jill Silverman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Board Chair Report- Ms. Carolyn Stine, informed the board members that she will be doing a MSHA Presentation on March 21, 2022

Board Counsel report- None

Executive Director Report – Ms. Oluremi Dean

- **Financial Disclosures Reminder-** Board members are to complete their financial Disclosures by April 30th.
- **2022 Renewals-** Audit notifications were sent out to the randomly selected 10% of licensees. Also, a renewal notification reminder was sent via email to all licensees expiring May 31st. The renewal system will be open from April 1, 2022, until May 31, 2022, without penalty. Anyone who submits an application for renewal from June 1-30, 2022, will incur a \$100 late fee.
- **Website Updates-** The Boards were given back their credentials to make edits on our websites. Several changes have been made which includes placing all forms on our website for electronic submission. Thank you to our Licensing Coordinator Andria Keller for making all forms electronic on the website.
- **Audiology Assistant Application -** The Audiology Assistant application is now live on our website. Individuals have until October 1, 2022, to obtain a license to practice as an Audiology Assistant. An email was sent to MAA and MSHA to inform them as well.

Budget Report – Mrs. Oluremi Dean

As of the end of February, the board's current balance is \$255,830.29.

Licensee Update - Ms. Andria Keller

As of March 2022, there are a total of 5,492 active licenses. AUD-524, AUD-LL-0, HAD-110, HAD-LL-26, SLP-4,316, SLP-LL-322, SLPA-57, SLPA-LL-39 and MT-98. The total number of reactivations is 0. The total number of reinstatements is 5 SLP-Full. The total number of Inactive Status requests is 1 SLP-Full. The total number of Limited License Renewal is 1 HAD-LL and SLP-LL 2. The total number of CFY Delegation Changes is 1 SLP-LL and 3 SLPA-LL. The total number for board approval applications is 56. AUD-Full 1, SLP-Full 30, SLP-LL 9, SLPA-LL5 and MT-Full 7.

License applications for Board Approval

Dr. Kearney made a motion to approve all applications for licensure. Ms. Ellen Stein 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

Mrs. Dean stated that the interstate compact website has been posted on our web page.

Closing Statement - Ms. Carolyn Stine, Chair

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Adjournment

Ms. Ellen Stein made a motion to adjourn the regular session of the Board meeting. Mr. Kim Keller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The regular session meeting ended at 5:01p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ms. Carolyn Stine, Chair
Board Chair