

The regular session meeting of the Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists was held September 23, 2021, Via Teleconference. Regular Session Board meeting came to order at 4:05 p.m.

Staff Present

Oluremi Dean, Acting Executive Director
Bethan Haaga, AAG Board Counsel
Monica Wright, Office Secretary III

Present Members

Ms. Carolyn Stine, Board Chair
Ms. Jill Silverman, SLP
Mr. Richard Brisbane, HAD
Ms. Valerie Hooper, Consumer
Dr. Anifa Qureshi, AUD
Dr. Barbara McLendon, AUD
Ms. Ellen Stein, CON
Mr. James Sciabarrasi, HAD
Dr. Tam Nguyen, MD
Dr. Carrie Nieman, MD

Visitors

Absent Members

Dr. Tinita Kearney, SLP, Vice Chair
Dr. Stacey Samuels-Cole, AUD
Mr. Kim Keller, HAD

Agenda Review and Approval

Dr. Anita Qureshi made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Richard Brisbane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes Review and Approval for July 15, 2021

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

Regulatory Review

Regulatory Proposal - Ms. Carolyn Stine, gave a brief summary on some of the changes being made to the Regulations concerning Speech-Language Pathology Assistants, Audiology Assistants, Music Therapists, Hearing Aid Dispenser testing procedures and supervision requirements. The final draft will be voted on by the Board at the October Board meeting.

Board Chair Report- Ms. Carolyn Stine - NONE

Board Counsel report - NONE

Executive Director's Report- Mrs. Oluremi Dean reported that for our 2022 bill, Ms. Lillian Reese was able to get Senator Augustine and Delegate Sample-Hughes to sponsor our bill. Legislative session will begin on January 12, 2022. Mrs. Dean also wanted to ask the Board for clarification on the CEU requirements for reactivation applications regarding whether or not all CEU hours (30) should be completed within the each cycle of inactivity or prior to reactivating a license. The Board decided that it was not going to require hours to be done within each cycle of inactivity. Mrs. Dean announced that Board member orientation will be in two phases on October 1, 2021 and

October 22, 2021. All Board members are welcome to attend. Mrs. Dean stated the Administrative Specialist III position has been posted and will be open until October 6th.

Budget Report – Mrs. Oluremi Dean

The Board did not receive the balance for August. The balance for the end of the FY21 was \$338,390.98.

Licensee Update - Mrs. Oluremi Dean

The total active license count is 5,175 which includes 4,445 SLP, 509 AUD, 104 HAD, 313 SLP-LL and 53 SLPA's. For the month of August, we had a total of 174 applications that were approved. For the month of September we had a total of 104 applications that were approved.

Review and Approval for Licensee

Dr. Barbara McLendon made a motion to approve all applications. 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. Ms. Ellen Stein seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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NONE

Next Board Meeting- October 21, 2021

Adjournment

Ms. Jill Silverman made a motion to adjourn the regular session of the Board meeting. Mr. Richard Brisbane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The regular session meeting ended at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ms. Carolyn Stine, MHS, MS, CCC-SLP
Board Chair