

The regular session meeting of the Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists and Music Therapists was held October 21, 2021, Via Teleconference. Regular Session Board meeting came to order at 4:02 p.m.

#### **Staff Present**

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

#### **Present Members**

Ms. Carolyn Stine SLP, Board Chair  
Dr. Tinita Kearney, SLP, Vice Chair  
Dr. Arifa Qureshi, AUD  
Dr. Stacey Samuels-Cole, AUD  
Dr. Tam Nguyen, MD  
Dr. Carrie Nieman, MD  
Mr. James Sciacbarrasi, HAD  
Dr. Barbara McLendon, AUD  
Ms. Jill Silverman, SLP  
Mr. Richard Brisbane, HAD  
Ms. Ellen Stein, CON  
Ms. Valerie Hooper, Consumer

#### **Visitors**

Gregory Snyder II, Maryland Academy of Audiology  
Regina Okogun , Applicant  
Alicia Spoor, Legislative Chair for Maryland Academy of Audiology  
Tatiana Martin, Music Therapist Task Force

#### **Absent Members**

Mr. Kim Keller, HAD

#### **Agenda Review and Approval**

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

#### **Minutes Review and Approval for September 23, 2021**

Dr. Arifa Qureshi made a motion to approve the September 23, 2021 minutes. Mr. Richard Brisbane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### **Regulations Review- Mrs. Oluremi Dean, Director**

**2022 Audiology Bill** - Amendments were made to the Board's 2022 bill. Music Therapists were removed from Article 2-314 as originally proposed and additions were made to Article 2-4A-14 which governs Music Therapist. Mr. James Sciacbarrasi made a motion to approve the amendments. Dr. Tinita Kearney seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **Regulations Draft-Cleanup/Addition of Audiology Assistants/Music Therapists**

Mrs. Dean gave a brief overview of some of the additions made to the regulations proposal: Supervision hours for HAD-LLs changed from 20 hours per month for 6 months to 40 hours per month for 6 months. Guidelines for the sale of locked hearing aids were added to the proposal. The Audiology assistant supervision requirements and the areas outside of their scope of practice were modified. Ms. Jill Silverman made a motion to approve with amendments. Dr. Arifa Qureshi seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**ASLP-IC Delegate Nominations-** Ms. Jill Silverman volunteered to represent SLP's and Dr. Arifa Qureshi volunteered to represent AUD's on the ASLP-IC Commission. Board members will receive compensation for their participation. Mr. James Scibarrasi made a motion for per diem payment of \$75 dollars while serving on the board. Dr. Arifa Qureshi seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Board Chair Report- Ms. Carolyn Stine-**Ms. Stine stated that the Legislative Committee has put in a lot of time on making changes to our regulations. Ms. Stine, mentioned that the FDA has issued a proposed a rule to improve access patients have to over-the-counter hearing aids.

**Board Counsel report-** NONE

### **Executive Director's Report-Mrs. Oluremi Dean**

Mrs. Dean informed the Board that the Administrative Specialist III job posting has closed. Mrs. Dean also stated she is in the process of modifying all of the documents and applications since our board name has changed to add music therapists. We are still waiting on the Governor to see who has been appointed to the two Music Therapists seats on the Board. Mrs. Dean also stated she will be sending an email blast reminder to all licensees expiring this upcoming May to remind them that their CEU's are due by December 31, 2021.

### **Budget Report – Mrs. Oluremi Dean**

As of the end of September the Boards' current balance is \$367, 617.45.

### **Licensee Update- Mrs. Oluremi Dean**

**License number count per discipline-** Mrs. Dean reported there a total of 4,190 SLP, 316 SLP-LL, 53 SLPA, 28-SLPA-LL, 513 AUD, 107 HAD, 26 HAD-LL, with a total of 5,233 active licensee.

### **License applications for Board Approval**

Dr. Tinita Kearney made a motion to approve all applications for licensure. Mr. Richard Brisbane seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

### **Review for Committee List of CEU'S for Board Approval**

Dr. Tinita Kearney made a motion to approve all CEU course listed. Dr. Arifa Qureshi seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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**Correspondence & F.Y.I**

NONE

**Next Board Meeting- November 18, 2021**

**Adjournment**

Mr. Richard Brisbane made a motion to adjourn the regular session Board meeting. Mr. James Sciacbarrasi seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The regular session meeting ended at 4:40 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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