

The regular session meeting of the Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists was held on October 19, 2017, in Room 110 of the DHMH Metro Executive Building, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. Mr. John Sloan called the meeting to order at 04:23 p.m. Present for the quorum were Mr. John Cummins, Ms. Jillian DeLuca, Dr. Scott London, Dr. Jennifer Mertes, Ms. Billie Jo O'Donovan, Dr. Candace Robinson, Mr. John Rouse, Mr. George Sheckells, Ms. Ellen Stein, Mr. John Sloan, and Dr. Heather.

**Staff Present**

Christopher Kelter, Executive Director  
Carla Boyd, AAG, Board Counsel  
Zoann Mouzone, Administrative Specialist III  
Danielle Vallone, Board Investigator  
Kristen Neville, Legislative Officer

**Absent Members**

Dr. Stacey Samuels Cole  
Dr. Tinita Kearney  
Dr. Heather Weinreich

Mr. Sloan and the Board welcomed guests: Dr. Lisa Nelson, Au.D. and Sharon Bloom to the Board.

**Agenda Review and Approval for October 19, 2017**

Ms. O'Donovan made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Stein seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Minutes Review and Approval for September, 2017**

Ms. O'Donovan made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Mr. Cummins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**Regulatory Review**

Per Mr. Kelter, AELR has put a hold on new regulations. Per Ms. Neville exemptions will be granted only under certain circumstances; the Board can continue to discuss changes to regulations.

**Executive Director's Report**

**Pro-Rated Continuing Education Requirements for First Time Renewal Candidates & Initial Full Licenses – Length of Time Prior to Expiration**

Mr. Kelter informed the Board the he met with Mr. Sloan to discuss the pro-rated continuing

education requirement for new licensees. SLPs and AUDs to combine the process of how licenses are issued. Mr. Kelter will engage the Board with their input.

### **NCSL Occupational Licensing Policy Study**

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that two days ago he was made aware that the Governor's office has submitted an application for Maryland to be one of the states to participate in a Policy Study. Ms. Neville informed the Board that the Board of Pharmacy was unaware of this nomination by the Governor. Mr. Kelter indicated that this study will start at the same time as the Interstate Compact Study.

### **2018 AUD, SLP and SLP-A Renewal – Preparation**

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that the preparation for the 2018 renewal is back on track. Notices will be sent out next week. He will also engage with Information Technology (IT) staff to make sure that the database will be set for the 2018 renewal period.

### **Criminal History Records Check (CHRC) Update**

Mr. Kelter informed the Board for the 2018 renewal period two documents will be made available for the CHRC process. One document will be instructions for individuals who reside in Maryland and the other document will be instructions for individuals that do not reside in Maryland.

### **2018 Legislative Session – Inactive Session**

Ms. Neville informed the Board that a place holder was left in the draft that was submitted to the Governor's office. Ms. Neville answered a question from the Governor's office and was informed that a change in the title needs to be done. Ms. Neville has not heard back from the Governor's office. Mr. Kelter suggested to the Board that if any of them receives any questions in reference to legislation that to direct all inquiries to him. Mr. Kelter will be keeping track of the Bill to license interpreters.

### **Board Meeting Scheduling – CY 2018 and Beyond**

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that the calendar for the Board meetings have been printed and he will meet with Board members after the meeting to check to see if there are any conflicts with the upcoming Board meeting dates.

### **New Director of Health Occupation Boards and Commission – Kim Lang, Ph.D.**

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that a New Director has been appointed for the Health Occupation Boards and Commissions.

### **Kennedy Krieger – Presentation (November 8, 2017)**

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that he has been invited to make a presentation at Kennedy Krieger Institute.

**MANSEF – Presentation (December 6, 2017)**

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that the original scheduled for the presentation date was October 4, 2017 but has been moved to December 6, 2017.

**Treasurer**

Mr. Cummins reported for the Board for the month of September, 2017 the budget is \$376,337.00, the expenditures are 83,145.00, and has available funds in the amount of \$293,192.00.

**Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid Act**

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that he had an extensive conversation with Dr. Spore; creating a dialogue for moving forward, so that information can go to the correct/proper places. Dr. Robinson indicated that hearing care is an excellent process if done properly. A discussion arose with the Board. Mr. Kelter wanted to make sure that the process is unified and that the resources are being placed where they belong.

**Inter State Compact Meeting (October 9 -10, 2017)**

Mr. Sloan informed the Board that the compact is looking at an entryway for multiple state practice/licensure. There was an Inter State Agreement for Physicians, Nurses and Physical Therapists, in which the Physical Therapist Agreement was similar to Speech-Language Pathologists. The Compact would like a fifty state agreement. The participants would obtain a license in their home state and then the participant could channel through a pool to obtain a license in other states as opposed to applying for a separate license in each state. Mr. Sloan will be sent information regarding the Inter State Compact program and will keep the Board informed of the process. Mr. Kelter will continue reviewing information that was shared with him from other Boards.

**Discussion to Eliminate Licenses (blue and white license)**

Ms. Neville informed the Board that certain Boards that have opted to print licenses electronically does print out congratulatory letters of renewal. Ms. Neville also indicated that the statute reads that the Board is the custodian of all official licenses. Mr. Sloan was concerned with what would guarantee that license would not be altered if it was available online to be printed. A discussion arose with the Board in reference to eliminating the blue and white licensees. Mr. Kelter will look into the process and talk with the IT staff on how other Boards moved into this process. To be discussed at next the November, 2017 Board meeting.

**Standing Committees – Composition and Responsibilities**

Mr. Kelter informed the Board that there has been a change to the Disciplinary Case Review Committee (DCRC), Dr. Robinson will not be able to continue attending the DCRC due to her schedule. Other AUD members will be informed of their participation with the DCRC. The DCRC does involve an annual commitment. Mr. Kelter informed the Board that he would like for the other two standing committees: Laws and Regulations Committee – to review regulations and the

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Continuing Education Committee – to review continuing education requests that Mr. Kelter is unable to make a decision on, to be in place by November, 2017. Mr. Kelter suggested that meeting may also take place via Email.

The following individuals agreed to be on the following committees:

Continuing Education Committee: Dr. Robinson and Ms. DeLuca  
Disciplinary Case Review Committee: Mr. Sloan, Mr. Sheckells  
Laws and Regulations Committee: Mr. Cummins

Participation on the committee will also be discussed at the November, 2017 Board meeting.

### **Correspondence & FYI**

#### **Adjournment**

Ms. DeLuca made a motion to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting. Mr. Sheckells seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the regular session meeting pursuant to Maryland State Government Article, 10-508(a) Annotated Code of Maryland. The regular session meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Sloan, SLP  
Chair