

The regular session meeting of the Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists and Music Therapist was held November 18, 2021, Via Teleconference. The Regular Session Board meeting came to order at 4:04 p.m.

Staff Present

Oluremi Dean, 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 Scibarrasi, HAD
Dr. Barbara McLendon, AUD
Ms. Jill Silverman, SLP
Mr. Richard Brisbane, HAD
Ms. Ellen Stein, CON
Ms. Valerie Hooper, CON
Mr. Kim Keller, HAD
Ms. Alicia Barksdale, MT
Ms. Niki Runge, MT

Visitors - None

Absent Members - None

Agenda Review and Approval

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

Minutes Review and Approval for October 21, 2021

Dr. Arifa Qureshi made a motion to approve minutes. Mr. James Scibarrasi seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Regulations Review- Mrs. Oluremi Dean, Executive Director-

Mrs. Dean stated starting January 1, 2022, Music Therapists need to be licensed to continue practicing. The MT application is complete. Our System Admins are working hard to ensure Music Therapists are being added to our licensing system. Our Fiscal Officer is also working to ensure charge codes are in place and ready for use. Mrs. Dean stated that her goal is to have the MT application live on our website by December 1, 2021. The Maryland State Task Force will be contacted to notify Music Therapist to submit their applications for licensure.

Board Chair Report- Ms. Carolyn Stine-

Ms. Stine welcomed our new Music Therapist Board members Ms. Niki Runge and Ms. Alicia Barksdale.

Board Counsel report- NONE

Executive Director's Report-Mrs. Oluremi Dean

Mrs. Dean stated that an email blast was sent out to all SLP's whose license expires May 2022. The email reminded SLP's to complete their CEU requirements by 12/31/21. Licensees will then report their completed courses directly into their online renewal application once the system opens April 1, 2022. Ms. Dean informed Board members to look out for an email reminder to complete their financial disclosures. A new set of Board meeting invites will be sent out for 2022. Our new Administrative Specialist III position has been filled. Expense reports will be mailed out to Board members for completion. Visitors may also receive CEU credit for attending open session meetings. Attendees must type their name into the chat box to receive credit. Licensees can receive up to five hours per cycle.

Budget Report – Mrs. Oluremi Dean

As of the end of October, the Boards' current balance is \$332,173.02.

Licensee Update-Mrs. Oluremi Dean Executive Director

As of November, our total licensee count is 5,274, which includes 4224 SLP, 317 SLP-LL, 54SLPA, 30 SLPA-LL, 516 AUD, 107 HAD and 26 HAD-LL.

License applications for Board Approval

Dr. Arifa Qureshi made a motion to approve all applications for licensure. Dr. Tam Nguyen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Review for Committee List of CEU'S for Board Approval

Dr. Barbara McLendon 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

Next Board Meeting- January 20, 2022

Adjournment

Mr. Kim Keller made a motion to adjourn the regular session of the Board meeting. Mr. James Sciacchitano seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The regular session meeting ended at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ms. Carolyn Stine, Board Chair