



Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Meena Seshamani, M.D., Ph.D., Secretary

***BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS,
HEARING AID DISPENSERS, SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS
& MUSIC THERAPISTS***

The Open Session meeting of the Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, & Music Therapists, was held (virtually) on July 16, 2026.
Dr. Jana Brown called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

Staff Present:

Keena Stephenson, Executive Director
Tiffani Farmer, Licensing Coordinator
Monica Wright, Licensing Assistant
Melia Ritchie, AAG Board Council

Members Present:

Dr. Carolyn Jenks, MD
Jill Silverman, SLP
Mariya Hutto, HAD, Vice Chair
Niki Runge, MT
Dr. Arifa Qureshi, AUD
Valerie Hooper, CON
Dr. Alicia Barksdale, MT
Dr. Jana Brown, AUD, Chair
Richard Brisbane, HAD
Dr. Crystal Courtney, AUD
Elizabeth Mildenstein, HAD
Alan Baumgarten, CON

Visitors:

Alicia Spoor
Zakiyyah Holmes
Sarah Peters
Melissa Sinclair
Sarah Monroe
Tatyana N Martin

Members Absent:

Charles Coward, SLP
Dr. Tahnee Wilder, SLP
Dr. Melissa Liu, MD

Approval of Agenda:

- Dr. Alicia Barksdale made a motion to approve the agenda
- Dr. Arifa Qureshi seconded the motion
- The agenda was approved by unanimous vote

Approval of June 18 Meeting Minutes:

- Mariya Hutto made a motion to approve the meeting minutes
- Alan Baumgarten seconded the motion
- The minutes were approved by unanimous vote

Board Chair Report:

- The Hearing Aid Dispenser practical exam has been rewritten and recommended for approval by the REGS committee
 - Dr. Arifa Qureshi made a motion to approve the committee's recommendation
 - Dr. Alicia Barksdale seconded the motion

- The recommendation was approved by unanimous vote

Board Counsel Report:

N/A

Executive Director Report:

- Budget
 - The available balance as of July 14 was \$146,213.39
- AUD/SLP Renewal
 - The AUD/SLP renewal period has ended
 - As of June 30, 2,487 renewals were processed

Review of CEUs for Board Approval:

- There was 1 CEU application presented for the Board's approval
 - Richard Brisbane made a motion to approve the CEU application, as presented
 - Dr. Alicia Barksdale seconded the motion
 - The CEU application was approved by unanimous vote

Licensing Report:

- As of July 14, there were a total of 5,931 active licensees...

AUD-558
AUDA-44
HAD-130
HAD-LL-18
SLP-4728
SLP-LL-172
SLPA-106
SLPA-LL46
MT-128

License Applications for Board Approval:

AUD-Full-7
AUDA-Full- 1
HAD-Full-0
HAD-Limited-3
SLP-Full-51
SLP-Limited-43
SLPA-Full-5
SLPA-Limited-1
MT-Full-0

- There were 111 applications presented for the Board's approval
 - Dr. Arifa Qureshi made a motion to approve the applications, as presented
 - Mariya Hutto seconded the motion
 - The applications were approved by unanimous vote

Legislative/Regulations Update:

- The LEG/REG committee withdrew the previously submitted REGS proposal and presented a revised proposal
 - Dr. Arifa Qureshi made a motion to approve the revised proposal
 - Jill Silverman seconded the motion
 - The revised proposal was approved by unanimous vote

Correspondence & FYI:

N/A

New Business:

N/A

Next Board Meeting:

- September 17, 2026

Closing Statement:

- Dr. Jana Brown

Adjournment:

- Dr. Arifa Qureshi made a motion to adjourn the July 16, 2026, Open Session Meeting
- Dr. Alicia Barksdale seconded the motion
- The motion was approved by unanimous vote
- Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm