

BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by §92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

Date: August 14, 2015

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: June Uyehara-Isono, Audiologist, Chairperson
Valery O'Brien, Member, Vice Chairperson
Shannon Y. Ching, Audiologist, Member
Shari Goo-Yoshino, Speech Pathologist, Member
Sandra Matsushima Executive Officer
Shari J. Wong, Deputy Attorney General
Faith Nishimura, Secretary

Absent: Gary Belcher, Member

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Uyehara-Isono at 2:30 p.m.

Approval of May 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Ms. Goo-Yoshino, seconded by Dr. Ching, and unanimously carried to approve the May 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes as circulated.

Additions/Revisions to the Agenda: None.

RICO Speech Pathology and Audiology Advisory Committee: RICO requests that the Board review and approve RICO's Speech Pathology and Audiology Advisory Committee list and addendum language for the 2016 term. It was moved by Ms. O'Brien, seconded by Ms. Goo-Yoshino, and unanimously carried to approve the list and addendum language.

New Business: a. Continuing Education

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono provided members a list of states with continuing education requirements for review. She indicated that Hawaii is one of three states that do not require continuing education. Members suggested that 30 hours of continuing education be obtained during the licensing triennium.

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association ("ASHA") requires that all certificate holders must accumulate 30 certification maintenance hours of professional development during each 3-year certification maintenance interval in order to maintain their ASHA Certificates of Clinical Competence.

The American Board of Audiology requires that certificants must demonstrate that they have earned 60 hours of approved continuing education within a three year period.

The American Academy of Audiology does not require continuing education to maintain Academy membership.

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono indicated that an audiologist or speech pathologist may earn continuing education hours without maintaining certification.

Members also reviewed the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division's Continuing Professional Education Guidelines – Checklist.

Executive Officer Matsushima indicated that continuing education legislation will not be proposed by the Department as an administration bill. Proposed legislation may be introduced by the industry or profession (i.e., Hawaii Speech-Language-Hearing Association).

Members were reminded that in the event they choose to submit proposed legislation or testimony to assist the industry or profession, it must be done in the person's individual capacity, not as representing or speaking on behalf of the Board.

It was the consensus of the Board to support the intent of requiring continuing education.

c. License for audiologists and hearing aid dealers and fitters

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono provided members a list of states permitting hearing aid dispensing with an audiology license for review. She also provided the American Academy of Audiology's public policy resolution on single licensure status.

She indicated that audiologists have the expertise and practical experience in the practice of hearing aid dealers and fitters. In order to meet the requirements of a Hawaii licensed hearing aid dealer and fitter an applicant must pass the written examination of the International Hearing Society.

DAG Wong indicated that the purpose of the Board is to determine the minimal competency of applicants applying for licensure.

Ms. Matsushima reiterated that whenever a Board member desires to assist the industry or profession with proposed legislation to amend the Board's statutes, it must be done in the person's individual capacity, not as representing or speaking on behalf of the Board.

DAG Wong left the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Announcements: Members reviewed a draft bill to amend the Board member terms in Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 468E from three years to four years. This draft bill will be submitted as an administrative bill by the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division.

Applications: a. Licensure

None.

b. Ratifications

It was moved by Dr. Ching, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, and unanimously carried to ratify the attached list of Speech Pathologists – SP 1472 - SP 1509.

It was moved by Dr. Ching, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, and
unanimously carried to ratify the attached list of Audiologists
– AUD 151 - AUD 155.

Correspondence: None.

Next Meeting Friday, December 11, 2015
Date: 2:30 p.m.
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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was
adjourned at 3:55p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Faith Nishimura
Faith Nishimura
Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Sandra Matsushima
Sandra Matsushima
Executive Officer

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[X] Minutes approved as is.
[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.