

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: March 3, 2017

Time: 2:00 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
Gary Belcher, Member
Shannon Y. Ching, Audiologist, Member
Shari Goo-Yoshino, Speech Pathologist, Member
Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer
Shari J. Wong, Esq., Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")
Susan Reyes, Secretary

Absent: Julie Yatogo, Speech Pathologist, Member

Guest: None.

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Uyehara-Isono at 2:00 p.m.

Additions/Revisions to the Agenda: Executive Officer Matsushima noted that there was one correction to the agenda and it was to correct the year to 2016 on the approval of the September 2, 2017 meeting minutes.

Approval of September 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Ms. O'Brien, and unanimously carried to approve the September 2, 2016 Meeting Minutes as circulated.

Applications:

a. Ratifications

It was moved by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Dr. Ching, and unanimously carried to ratify the list of Speech Pathologists – SP 1609 – SP 1636 and Audiologists – AUD 167 – AUD 172.

Executive Officer's Report:

Executive Officer Matsushima reported the following:

a. DCCA Disciplinary Actions

Executive Officer Matsushima briefed the Board on the DCCA Disciplinary Actions through January 2017. She passed around a list for the Board to view.

b. Geo Report – Current Number of Licensees

Executive Officer Matsushima briefed the Board on the current number of licensees for Audiology and Speech Pathologist as of January 24, 2017.

Currently there is a total of (86) audiologist and (677) Speech Pathologist with a total of (763).

Old Business:

a. Continuing Education Requirement

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono briefed the Board on the continuing education ("CE") requirements for Audiologists in other states and noted that Alaska, Colorado and Hawaii are the only states that do not require CE for audiologists.

Executive Officer Matsushima stated that should the audiologists wish to pursue a CE requirement in the future, it is recommended that the industry conduct the research and analysis to gain support within their community, then seek legislation to amend the statutes.

Ms. Goo-Yoshino asked whether the CE requirement would be for audiologists only and not for speech pathologists, since they share the same chapter in the statutes.

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono stated that the CE requirement would only be for the licensed audiologists.

Mr. Belcher questioned the availability of CEs and the costs for these programs.

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono stated that there is a small cost involved for most CE sites. As an example, the site that she takes her CEs has a minimum cost of \$65.00. Also, for journal type CEs, she believes there is a fee of about \$100.00 for three years. Chairperson Uyehara-Isono added that AAA also offers online CE's.

Mr. Belcher questioned the CE audit process.

Executive Officer Matsushima stated that an audit list of a minimum 5% of the licensees will be generated after the license renewal period.

Mr. Belcher asked what would happen to the audiologists if they are unable to do any CE's?

Executive Office Matsushima responded that usually, the licensees are allowed several chances to comply with the CE requirement. Licensees who do not comply are referred to the Regulated Industries Complaints Office (RICO).

Shari Wong, DAGS arrived at 2:17 p.m.

Mr. Belcher asked if Chairperson Uyehara-Isono knew why only three states do not have a CE requirement?

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono believes that these states are pursuing a CE requirement to maintain continued competence among their licensees, since not all audiologists complete CEs while actively practicing in the profession.

Executive Officer Matsushima referenced the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division's Continuing Professional Education Guidelines - Checklist and stated that one of the guidelines is that there needs to be a demonstrated need for requiring CEs, i.e. potential harm to the public. She recalls not receiving any complaints for audiologists or speech pathologist in the past. She added that she will check with RICO on the number of complaints for the SPAU licensees and will report to the Board at their next meeting.

Announcements: a. New Interim Board member – Julie Yatogo

Executive Officer Matsushima announced that Julie Yatogo will be filling the vacant speech pathologist position for the Board with an expiration date of June 30, 2018.

Next Meeting Friday, May 5, 2017
Date: 2:00 p.m.
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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Sandra Matsushima
Sandra Matsushima
Executive Officer

/s/ Susan A. Reyes
Susan A. Reyes
Secretary

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[X] Minutes approved as is.

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