

**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: May 5, 2017
- Time: 2:00 p.m.
- Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
- Present: June Uyehara-Isono, Audiologist, Chairperson  
Valery O'Brien, Member, Vice Chairperson  
Gary Belcher, Member  
Julie Yatogo, Speech Pathologist, Member  
Shari Goo-Yoshino, Speech Pathologist, Member  
Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer  
Susan Reyes, Secretary
- Absent: Shannon Y. Ching, Audiologist, Member  
Shari J. Wong, Esq., Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")
- Guest: None.
- Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Uyehara-Isono at 2:02 p.m.
- Executive Officer ("EO") Matsushima introduced and welcomed new Board member Julie Yatogo. EO Matsushima also announced that it was Shari Goo-Yoshino's last day on the Board and thanked her for serving for these past years.
- Chairperson Uyehara-Isono presented Ms. Goo-Yoshino with an appreciation letter and certificate for her service with the Board.
- Additions/Revisions to the Agenda: EO Matsushima noted that there was one correction to the agenda and it was to correct ratification license number SP 1253 to SP 1653.

Approval of  
March 3, 2017  
Meeting Minutes:

It was moved by Ms. O'Brien, seconded by Ms. Goo-Yoshino, and unanimously carried to approve the March 3, 2017 Meeting Minutes as circulated.

Applications:

a. Ratifications

SP 1637	Luke M. Freel
SP 1638	Nancy V. Bentivenga
SP 1639	Brittany B. Staggs
SP 1640	Samantha N. Loving
SP 1641	Angela J. Argueta
SP 1642	Sarah A. Dewhitt
SP 1643	Samantha Duran
SP 1644	Marina Chang
SP 1645	Kasha D. Bayard-Lee
SP 1646	Susan L. Synold
SP 1647	Sara B. Watts
SP 1648	Jonathan M. De Vera
SP 1649	Sarah J. Zolper
SP 1650	Connie D. Bagley
SP 1651	Megan D. Downs
SP 1652	Jessica N. Rapier
SP 1653	Jennifer S. Peragine
SP 1654	Regina M. Estrada

AUD 173     Kristy J. Lowery

It was moved by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Ms. Goo-Yoshino, and unanimously carried to ratify the list of Speech Pathologists and Audiologists.

b. Restoration of license no. SP-922 for Andrea L. Parker

EO Matsushima briefed the Board on the restoration of license for Andrea L. Parker. Ms. Parker was requesting for restoration of her license, which expired in 2013. EO Matsushima noted that a licensee who fails to renew their license within five years after the date of expiration may not renew or restore and may need to reapply for a new license. EO Matsushima added that since Ms. Parker's license expired in 2013, her license is eligible for renewal.

It was moved by Ms. Goo-Yoshino, seconded by Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to approve the restoration of Ms. Parker's license.

Executive Officer's Report: Executive Officer Matsushima reported the following:

a. DCCA Disciplinary Actions

EO Matsushima passed around a copy of the Disciplinary Actions for the Board's perusal.

EO Matsushima stated that as a follow up to a request from the previous Board meeting, she contacted RICO on the number of disciplinary actions taken for this Board. Four complaints were received for this Board - one in 2009 and one each in 2014, 2015 and 2016. RICO checked further and found that three of the complaints were for speech pathologists. The fourth complaint was for unlicensed activity, so this was outside of the Board's purview. There were none for audiologists.

Ms. Goo-Yoshino asked if these complaints come to the Board or if they went directly to RICO?

EO Matsushima responded that they are actually complaints. Upon investigation, RICO found that they did not require any type of action or settlement agreement.

EO Matsushima further noted that there were no complaints for 2011, 2012 and 2013.

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 April 21, 2017.

Currently there is a total of (87) audiologist and (706) Speech Pathologist with a total of (793).

Old Business:

- a. Continuing Education Requirement Discussion on research conducted by the audiology profession of a possible CE requirement for audiologist licensees in Hawaii

Executive Officer Matsushima asked chairperson Uyehara-Isono if she had anything further to discuss regarding the status of their efforts in pursuing the CE requirements for licensed audiologists?

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono stated that they will be sending a survey out to the licensees but was having difficulty finding all of the licensees and found about half of them via the American Academy of Audiology's website.

EO Matsushima said that DCCA PVL has a public roster where you could search by name or license number for general information on a licensee. Also, there is the PVL List Builder which allows you to download a customized list of licensees. However, there is a cost and it depends on the number of licensee records on your list.

EO Matsushima asked the secretary to email the website link to Chairperson Uyehara-Isono.

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono stated that they would like to have a consensus on the number of hours that would be a reasonable amount for CE. She asked EO Matsushima what the percentage is for the audit on license renewals?

EO Matsushima stated that in general, most of the other Boards audit 5% of their licensees upon renewal. For the SPAU Board, there currently is 87 licensed audiologists. She added that 5% of 87 would be less than 5 licensees for audit and suggested the possibility of a 100% audit instead.

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono said that right now they are only fact-finding because they want to make sure that they have consensus on the number of hours required. Everyone seems to favor the ten hours per year for three years for a total of 30 hours.

EO Matsushima asked if they planned to require the CEs upon renewal?

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono responded yes.

EO Matsushima stated that since the SPAU Board license renewals are every two years, they would need to decide on the number of units to complete per year or every two years. As an example, ten units per year for 2 years; or twenty units anytime throughout the 2-year biennial period.

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono said that a lot of the states are doing three year renewals. They are trying to figure out what might be reasonable for people, but still allow them to get some CE's for renewal. Also, they need to decide whether to divide it into categories of CE (i.e., industry, medical, educational). Right now, they are at the survey stage and trying to get everyone on Board.

Announcements: a. New Speech Pathologist Member – Lorna Hu

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono announced that we have a new Board member, Lorna Hu, who will start by our next meeting.

Next Meeting Friday, August 4, 2017  
Date: 2:00 p.m.  
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

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 \_\_\_\_\_.