

## **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: December 11, 2015

Time: 2:30 p.m.

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

Present: 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, Deputy Attorney General  
Faith Nishimura, Secretary

Absent: June Uyehara-Isono, Audiologist, Chairperson

Guest: Susan DeRosa, applicant

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson O'Brien at 2:45 p.m.

Additions/Revisions  
to the Agenda: None.

Approval of  
August 14, 2015  
Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Dr. Ching, seconded by Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to approve the August 14, 2015 Meeting Minutes as circulated.

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

- There are 86 Hawaii audiologists eligible for renewal. As of December 1, 2015, 35 licenses have been renewed and completed online.

- There are 724 Hawaii speech pathologists eligible for renewal. As of December 1, 2015, 226 licenses have been renewed with 222 of those completed online.
- An administration bill has been proposed to amend the Board member terms in Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 468E from three years to four years.
- Members discussed the 2016 board meeting schedule.
- The Legislature is asking each Board to provide an opinion on whether or not the public member representation on the board should be increased.

After some discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the current composition is good and compared to other boards, they have a greater percentage of public member positions. They do not want to add more public members to the board.

- Executive Office Matsushima reported that there were no DCCA disciplinary actions taken on individuals with a Hawaii speech pathologist or audiologist license for the month of October 2015.

DAG Wong arrived at 2:48 p.m.

**The following agenda item was taken out of order.**

Applications:

- a. Licensure
  - i. Susan M. DeRosa

The Board reviewed and discussed the restoration application of Susan M. DeRosa. Ms. DeRosa appeared before the Board to answer any questions it may have.

DAG Wong explained to Ms. DeRosa that she may choose to have her application reviewed and discussed in either open session or in executive session. Ms. DeRosa indicated that she preferred the proceedings be held in open session.

Ms. DeRosa answered "yes" to question 2. "Has any license or certificate ever been suspended, revoked, or otherwise subject to disciplinary action?"

Ms. DeRosa was previously licensed as a speech pathologist in Hawaii from February 25, 2013 through December 31, 2013. She did not renew her speech pathologist license; therefore she is required to submit a restoration application.

Executive  
Session:

It was moved by Dr. Ching, seconded by Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to enter into executive session at 2:51 p.m. pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(1), HRS, to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional license cited in Section 26-9, HRS, and pursuant to Section 92-5(a)(4), HRS, to consult with the Board's attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:24 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Ching, seconded by Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to return to open session. The room was reopened to the public.

Dr. Ching asked Ms. DeRosa to explain the consequence of her ASHA Sanction of Censure ("censure"). Ms. DeRosa answered that the censure is public record. He also asked if her ASHA certificate of clinical competence ("CCC") was put on a probation status. She answered that her CCC was not put on probation.

Mr. Belcher asked Ms. DeRosa to explain the incident that led to her disciplinary action.

Ms. DeRosa answered that the fraudulent reporting was in poor judgement on her part.

The incident occurred in July 2013 during her first travel assignment position of contract travel Speech-Language Pathologist in Colorado. She regards herself as a good employee. She indicated that she acted out of character in this incident.

The director of the center reported the incident to her employer and she was terminated.

The director also reported the incident to the State Licensing Boards of Colorado, Texas, and New York. Ms. DeRosa also applied for licensure in Missouri and Nebraska.

The Colorado State Board issued a letter of admonition effective January 14, 2014.

The Texas State Board issued a Notice of Violation ("NOV") dated July 17, 2015 imposing a \$250 administrative penalty and six hours of continuing education in billing, administration and ethics. In an email dated November 24, 2015, Ms. DeRosa has completed the terms of the NOV. Ms. DeRosa's license expired on April 30, 2015 and was not renewed.

Ms. DeRosa stated that she deactivated her New York license. According to the New York Board verification search, Ms. DeRosa's license expired on July 31, 2013. No disciplinary action was taken on her New York Speech-Language Pathology license.

The Missouri Board of Registration issued Ms. DeRosa an Order to issue her a license on probation for a period of five years effective October 3, 2014 and to end on October 3, 2019.

The Nebraska Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology issued Ms. DeRosa a probationary license effective November 13, 2014 and to end on November 13, 2015. Ms. DeRosa's employer/supervisor must submit quarterly reports to the Board.

Mr. Belcher asked Ms. DeRosa if she is living in Hawaii. Ms. DeRosa answered yes.

Ms. Goo-Yoshino asked Ms. DeRosa whether she would pursue work in a school setting.

DAG Wong asked if she was employed by EBS Healthcare ("EBS"). Ms. DeRosa answered yes and that her title was speech therapist technician performing speech therapy and diagnostics. She also stated that she disclosed the disciplinary action to EBS and the Hawaii State Department of Education.

Members also discussed with Ms. DeRosa the circumstances regarding the submission of the restoration form to the Board since she returned to the state in August 2015.

Dr. Ching read that pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes section 468E-8(c):

"A person certified by ASHA or licensed under the laws of another state or the District of Columbia as a speech pathologist or audiologist who has applied for a license in this State may perform speech pathology or audiology services in this State for a period not to exceed ninety days from the time of submitting the person's application."

Executive  
Session:

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:56 p.m., it was moved by Dr. Ching, seconded by Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to return to open session. The room was reopened to the public.

Ms. Goo-Yoshino asked Ms. DeRosa what she would do if the Board didn't approve her restoration application. Ms. DeRosa answered that she would work with her employer and move to a different state to work.

Ms. Goo-Yoshino explained to Ms. DeRosa that it is the licensee's professional responsibility and understanding to provide excellent healthcare.

It was moved by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Ms. Goo-Yoshino, and unanimously carried to approve Ms. DeRosa's speech pathologist restoration application, and to refer her disciplinary action to the Regulated Industries Complaints Office.

DAG Wong left the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

New Business: a. Delegation of duties of Executive Officer

Executive Officer Matsushima asked the Board if it would delegate to its Executive Officer the authority to approve restoration applications.

It was moved by Dr. Ching, seconded by Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to delegate to the Executive Officer the authority to approve restoration applications.

Members indicated that its Executive Officer may only be permitted to approve this type of application if:

1. The licensee submits a restoration application and appropriate fees;
2. The license requirements have not changed since the Board's last approval; and
3. There is derogatory information not directly related to the licensee's profession.

Applications: b. Ratifications

It was moved by Dr. Ching, seconded by Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to ratify the attached list of Speech Pathologists – SP 1510 - SP 1536.

It was moved by Dr. Ching, seconded by Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to ratify the attached list of Audiologists – AUD 156 - AUD 160.

Correspondence: None.

Announcements: None.

Next Meeting Friday, March 4, 2016  
Date: 2:30 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 4:14 p.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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1/5/16

- Minutes approved as is.  
 Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_.

### **RATIFICATION LIST FOR SPEECH**

SP 1510	Ada L. Fanara
SP 1511	Brittney N. Furgerson
SP 1512	Han Thi Nguyen
SP 1513	Jessica M. Wertz
SP 1514	Laura M. Emerling
SP 1515	Kimberly J. Dekreek
SP 1516	Snezana Pejic
SP 1517	Primrose S. Buenaluz
SP 1518	Caprice L. McCarrey-Dodds
SP 1519	Ann E. Arthurs
SP 1520	Madeline D. Graal
SP 1521	Cierra N. Lussier
SP 1522	Cecelia Pizano
SP 1523	Marie E. Glover
SP 1524	Keven M. Wong
SP 1525	Laura M. Goehner
SP 1526	Linley B. Berger
SP 1527	Deanne D. Salzer
SP 1528	Cindy McManus
SP 1529	Rachel A. Fielder
SP 1530	Joni A. Shimomura
SP 1531	Jaclyn S. Sagum
SP 1532	Virginia M. Tate
SP 1533	Andrew R. Swayne
SP 1534	Amy A. Shipley
SP 1535	Stephanie N. Dumas
SP 1536	Janell-Leann Huenemeier
<b>Total:</b>	<b>27</b>

### **RATIFICATION LIST FOR AUDIOLOGY**

AUD 156	Cindy McManus
AUD 157	Mohsin Ahmed M. Shaikh
AUD 158	Douglas Beck
AUD 159	Phyllip c. Taylor-Alonso
AUD 160	James W. Hall, III
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>5</b>