

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 4, 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, Public Member, Vice Chairperson
Gary Belcher, Public Member
Shannon Y. Ching, Audiologist
Lorna Hu, Speech Pathologist
Julie Yatogo, Speech Pathologist
Sandra Matsushima, Executive Officer ("EO")
James Kobashigawa, EO
Shari J. Wong, Esq., Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")
Jennifer Fong, Secretary

Guests: None.

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Uyehara-Isono at 2:07 p.m.

EO Matsushima introduced and welcomed new Board member Lorna Hu and EO Kobashigawa. She noted that she and EO Kobashigawa are in the process of transitioning for EO Kobashigawa to take over as the Board's EO.

Board members gave a brief self-introduction.

Approval of
May 5, 2017
Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Vice Chairperson O'Brien, seconded by Mr. Belcher and unanimously carried to approve the May 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes as circulated.

Applications: a. Licensure – Speech Pathologist

Executive At 2:09 p.m., it was moved by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Ms. Yatogo,

Session: and unanimously carried to move into Executive Session in accordance with HRS, § 92-5(a)(1) and (4), "To consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 26-9 or both;" and "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 2:20 p.m., it was moved by Ms. Yatogo, seconded by Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to move out of Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Mr. Belcher, seconded by Vice Chairperson O'Brien, it was voted on and unanimously carried to defer the following applications pending receipt of additional documents and if the additional documents are provided, to delegate approval of the applications to the EO:

- Nicole Hathaway
- David Ross

At 2:21 p.m., Dr. Ching arrived.

b. Ratifications

Upon a motion by Ms. Hu, seconded by Mr. Belcher, it was voted on and unanimously carried to ratify the following:

Approved for License - Speech Pathologist

SP 1655 Lorna A. Martin
SP 1656 Joseph J. Kim
SP 1657 Erin Fowler
SP 1658 Stacey L. Belche
SP 1659 Ashley R. Hebel
SP 1660 Alana Y.O. Baxter
SP 1661 Syndney K. Zoll
SP 1662 Aishah Y. Patterson
SP 1663 Samara A. Nichols
SP 1664 Suzanne Ghin
SP 1665 Sherri K.S. Kono
SP 1666 Jacquell S. Cheathem
SP 1667 Kelsey L. Ramaley
SP 1668 Shiran Carmel
SP 1669 Shila J. Russell
SP 1670 Kirsten A. Manning

Approved for License - Audiologist

AUD 174 Sandra Abed
AUD 175 Shannon L. McCormick
AUD 176 Lindsey D. Francis
AUD 177 Haylee B. Lamb
AUD 178 Madison C. Monlezun Saunders
AUD 179 Kaila R. Andrlik

Executive Officer's Report: a. DCCA Disciplinary Actions June 16, 2017 and July 21, 2017

EO Matsushima passed around a copy of the DCCA Disciplinary Actions for release, dated June 16, 2017 and July 21, 2017, for the Board's review.

EO Matsushima reported that there were no DCCA disciplinary actions relating to speech pathologists or audiologists in May and June of 2017.

b. Geo Report – Current Number of Licensees

EO Matsushima briefed the Board on the number of Audiologist and Speech Pathologist licensees as of July 20, 2017.

As of July 20, 2017, there were a total of 93 audiologists, 724 speech pathologists and a total of 817 licensees for this Board.

c. RICO Speech Pathology and Audiology ("SPAU") Advisory Committee and Addendum to Committee List Effective January 1, 2018

After some discussion, it was moved by Ms. Yatogo, seconded by Dr. Ching, and unanimously carried to approve those licensees on RICO's SPAU Advisory Committee list and Addendum language for the 2018 term.

Old Business:

a. Continuing Education ("CE") 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 have done a cursory survey of 44 audiologists in Hawaii. The consensus is that CE is

needed and accepting 10 hours per year is reasonable. They are trying to get CEs approved by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (“ASHA”) or American Academy of Audiology (“AAA”) but there are many ways to get required CEs. She has spoken to a lobbyist who felt it may be fruitful to do a 100% audit instead of a 10% audit. She noted even industry workshops are sanctioned by the AAA. Hawaii is one of three states that does not require CEs.

EO Matsushima asked if all ASHA and AHA courses are related to the audiology profession.

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono said no. The Board could get strict about course content but it would be more difficult for licensees to find acceptable courses. She feels as long as AAA considers it part of the CE requirement, they will sanction the course and issue a certificate. She believes ASHA is the same way. CE is not retroactively approved. She noted that last year she went to a tinnitus workshop and she did not get any credit because the workshop was not approved. They are hoping to bring the issue to the Legislature in the 2019 session.

New Business:

- a. Correspondence from the American Academy of Audiology (“ACAЕ”) regarding accrediting audiology programs

The Board reviewed a letter from the ACAE asking the Board “to verify that the Hawaii Board of Audiology formally recognizes the ACAE as an accrediting body for the purposes of accrediting audiology programs from which potential licensees may graduate”. The ACAE is requesting that the Board issue a response “affirming ACAE’s status as a recognized accrediting body of audiology programs.”

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono stated that ACAE is a division of AAA which does academic accreditation. ACAE certifies programs and are trying to increase standards in the available programs. She believes this is something the Board needs to support.

EO Matsushima said she believes the Board only recognizes ASHA and AAA.

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono said ACAE is a division of AAA, however, they only accredit audiology programs.

Mr. Belcher asked which organizations currently accredit audiology programs.

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono stated that ACAE and ASHA accredit audiology programs. She noted a lot of ASHA programs are umbrella programs that include both speech pathology and audiology programs, however some schools only have either a speech pathology program or an audiology program, not both. She questioned ACAE's purpose of asking the Board for formal recognition as an accrediting body.

EO Matsushima questioned whether the Board can formally recognize ACAE as an accrediting body.

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono noted that ASHA and AAA are already recognized by the Board.

EO Matsushima noted that ACAE does not appear to be recognized by the U.S. Department of Education ("DOE"). She reported that HAR §16-100-20 states that an applicant shall be a graduate of a college or university that is accredited by a regional or specialized accrediting body recognized by the U.S. DOE.

Dr. Ching noted that ACAE's letter states that they are recognized by the Council on Higher Education Accreditation ("CHEA"). He asked if that would make a difference.

EO Matsushima said she does not believe that CHEA is part of the U.S. DOE.

EO Kobashigawa noted that generally, every profession has an accrediting body. All of them should be approved by the U.S. DOE.

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono stated at one time, both professions were under ASHA. Then they split and AAA was created. AAA is fairly new and they have developed their own curriculum. The programs have been revamped to meet needs from Master's Degree to the Doctorate. Some schools have accreditation from both ASHA and AAA. The problem is that ACAE has not been around long enough to establish themselves as an accrediting body for audiologists by themselves.

Upon a motion by Ms. Yatogo, seconded by Ms. Hu, it was voted on and unanimously carried to notify the ACAE that pursuant to

HAR §16-100-20 Requirements for licensure by examination, an applicant shall be a graduate of a college or university that is accredited by a regional or specialized accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. Therefore, the Board will not affirm ACAE's status as an accrediting body of audiology programs.

This is an informal interpretation of the Board's statutes and rules for informational and explanatory purposes only and is not an official opinion or decision, and therefore, is not to be viewed as binding on the Board or the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Election
of Officers:

EO Matsushima noted that pursuant to HAR §436B-6(a), the Board is required to hold an annual election for both the chairperson and vice-chairperson positions.

Dr. Ching moved to nominate Dr. Uyehara-Isono as Chairperson and Ms. O'Brien as Vice Chairperson. Mr. Belcher seconded the motion. It was voted on and unanimously carried.

Announcements:

None.

Next Meeting
Date:

Friday, November 3, 2017
2:00 p.m.
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono stated that she would prefer the meetings be held at 2:30 p.m., however, she would go with the majority of the Board.

After some discussion, board members agreed by consensus to hold the meetings at 2:00 p.m.

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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned
 at 3:04 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Jennifer Fong

Jennifer Fong
Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Sandra Matsushima

Sandra Matsushima
Executive Officer

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Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____.