

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: July 27, 2018

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Exam Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 3rd^t Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: June Uyehara-Isono, Audiologist, Chairperson
Gary Belcher, Public Member
Lorna Hu, Speech Pathologist
Julie Yatogo, Speech Pathologist
James Kobashigawa ("EO")
Shari Wong,
Susan A. Reyes, Secretary

Excused: Shannon Y. Ching, Audiologist

Guests: None.

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairperson Uyehara-Isono at 2:05 p.m.

Approval of August 4, 2017 Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Dr. Yatogo, seconded by Mr. Belcher, and unanimously carried to approve the April 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes as circulated.

Applications: a. Ratifications

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

Approved for License - Speech Pathologist

SP 1717	Jacqueline Montano
SP 1718	Krista Rader
SP 1719	Loren Alexander
SP 1720	Emily Steenbergh
SP 1721	Kimberly Brock

SP 1722 Katie Scirto

Approved for License – Speech Pathologist (Continued)

SP 1723 Raina Dale
SP 1724 Kayla Mallory
SP 1725 Rachael Lindamer
SP 1726 Maria Shanahan
SP 1727 Elizabeth Oster
SP 1728 Naomi Harrington

Approved for License – Audiologist

AUD 183 Christine Gagner
AUD 184 Luke Wassermann
AUD 185 Amanda Scarbrough

Executive Officer's a.
Report:

ASHA Newsletter

EO Kobashigawa informed the Board that ASHA held their first meeting on May 21–22, 2018. They are making recommendations and, have created a drafting team to come up with the language to create an interstate compact or reciprocity. In 2020, they also want to change the certification standards for Speech Pathologists and Audiologist.

A Board member asked: If Hawaii wanted to keep up with what ASHA is requiring, who would generate it?

EO Kobashigawa said that a bill will need to be introduced in the legislature by the Board or someone else.

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono said she will be putting in a bill to require continuing education (“CE”) for audiologist. She has been with the American Academy and there are 48 states that require CE for re-licensure and we are one of the two that does not.

EO Kobashigawa said that DCCA has a checklist to go through before endorsing CE. Past studies showed that there was no correlation between competency and CE. This is the reason why the department has not been in support in the past. If there is a correlation to competency now, DCCA may support it.

A Board member said that not all speech pathologists belong to ASHA.

Chairperson Uyehara-Isono said that in order for a speech pathologist to have a certificate of clinical competence (“CCC”), they would have to have a minimal amount of CE.

A board member said that if you are working for the Department of Education (“DOE”), you do not need to be a member of ASHA to be employed. The DOE would probably not support CEs because more people would need to be hired to ensure that they are complying.

b. DCCA Disciplinary Actions through April & May 2018

EO Kobashigawa distributed copies of the DCCA Disciplinary Actions for April and May 2018 for the Board’s review.

EO Kobashigawa reported that there were no disciplinary actions relating to speech pathologists or audiologists through April and May 2018.

Legislation:

a. Act 173, S.B. 2258 Relating to Licensing – Clarifies that the licensing requirements for hearing aid dealers and fitters shall not apply to audiologists licensed pursuant to Chapter 468E, Hawaii Revised Statutes

EO Kobashigawa informed the Board that this bill passed, and now specifies that to get an audiologist license, you do not need to get a hearing aid fitter and dealer license. At the same time, the statutes changed to show that audiologists are exempt from the hearing aid dealers and fitters statutes.

New Business:

a. Discussion on Examination Requirements for Audiologists

EO Kobashigawa referred the Board to the Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) Chapter §468E-5 Eligibility for licensure. To be eligible for licensure by the board as a speech pathologist or audiologist, a person shall:

- (1) Possess at least a master’s degree or its equivalent in the area of speech pathology or audiology, as the case may be, from an educational institution recognized by the board;
- (2) Submit to the board evidence of eligibility for meeting the requirements of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association for the certificate of clinical competency in speech pathology or audiology, or both; and

- (3) Pass a written examination approved by the board.

He said that audiologists should be taking a written exam approved by the board. It came to his attention that an applicant did not show that the written exam was taken as the application does not require documentation of exam.

After a brief discussion, the Board determined that the PRAXIS written exam is not only for speech pathologists and can be taken by audiologists. According to the Hawaii Administrative Rules ("HAR") Chapter §16-100-29, it must be administered by the Educational Testing Service ("ETS"). It is noted that the application should be corrected to show that audiologists must complete a written exam.

Election of Officers: EO Kobashigawa stated that the Board would annually nominate a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. He asked the Board if they would like to make their nominations.

Dr. Yatogo nominated Mr. Belcher for Vice Chairperson, it was seconded by Dr. Hu and unanimously carried to nominate Mr. Belcher for Vice Chairperson.

Dr. Yatogo nominated Dr. Uyehara-Isono for Chairperson, it was seconded by Dr. Hu and unanimously carried to nominate Dr. Uyehara-Isono for Chairperson.

Next Meeting
Date:

Friday, November 2, 2018
2:00 p.m.
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

It was requested by EO Kobashigawa to reschedule the meeting to November 9, 2018, due to a conflict in his schedule. The Board agreed to reschedule the next meeting to November 9, 2018

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned
 at 3:00 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

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

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Jame Kobashigawa
James Kobashigawa
Executive Officer

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