

## **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: September 6, 2019

Time: 2:00 p.m.

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

Present: Gary Belcher, Vice Chair  
Shannon Y. Ching, Audiologist  
Lorna Hu, Speech Pathologist  
Julie Yatogo, Speech Pathologist  
Christopher Fernandez, EO  
Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")  
Susan A. Reyes, Secretary

Excused: None.

Guests: None.

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Belcher at 2:03 p.m.

Election of Officers: The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Chairperson. Vice Chair Belcher nominated Ms. Yatogo for Chairperson. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Hu. Ms. Yatogo was elected Chairperson by acclamation.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Ms. Hu, seconded by Dr. Ching, and unanimously carried to approve the June 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes as circulated.

Applications:            a.    Ratifications

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

Approved for License - Speech Pathologist

SP 1793	Katherine Simonitch
SP 1794	Heather Barber
SP 1795	Arielle Willis
SP 1796	Sidney Ault
SP 1797	Makiko Ogawa
SP 1798	Angela Mones
SP 1799	Elizabeth Ebelhar
SP 1800	Jasmin Ash
SP 1801	Maggi Richard
SP 1802	Elyse Klemm
SP 1803	Stella Ong
SP 1804	Summer Rainbolt
SP 1805	Hannah Seivers
SP 1806	Danielle Riddle
SP 1807	Mariah Peterson
SP 1808	Molly James
SP 1809	Tonee Burley
SP 1810	Kendra Grills
SP 1811	Jacquelyn Hodge
SP 1812	Gabrielle Berce
SP 1813	Michelle McChesney
SP 1814	Mackenzie Carlson
SP 1815	Lorinda Arechy
SP 1816	Erin Carlile
SP 1817	Elnora Lehman

**TOTAL:**                            **25**

AUD 195	Rachel Burnett
AUD 196	Tia McDonald
AUD 197	Derek Beaudoin
AUD 198	Friedel Cunningham
AUD 199	Jeffrey Reid

**TOTAL:**                            **5**

Executive Officer's Report: a. DCCA Disciplinary Actions March through July 2019

EO Fernandez stated that there were no disciplinary actions from June through July 2019.

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

New Business: b. Research: discussion on telehealth, telepractice, and teletherapy

EO Fernandez informed the Board, that he had done some research on the use of the terms “telehealth”, “telepractice” and “teletherapy” in speech pathology, and found all were used within the practice. He further noted that the Hawaii Medical Board is the only board that has telehealth language within their statutes in the State of Hawaii, and that other statute chapters pertaining to Boards and Programs representing health professions in the PVL are silent on the subject. So, when licensees ask if they may provide these types of services, this Board as well as others, have provided an informal opinion which states that their interpretation is that the licensee should refrain from the use of telehealth, telepractice, or teletherapy.

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After further discussion with the Board, EO Fernandez stated that he wanted to keep the board familiarized with these types of discussions regarding telehealth, telepractice, teletherapy and that the Board should keep current on this national trend of their use. He offered his assistance if the Board members wanted more information. He also stated that previous discussions on the subject suggest that the public should try to get a bill introduced at the State Legislature regarding the practice, if it is to be clearly a part of the scope of practice for speech pathologist or audiologists. The Board can then decide to support or oppose any bill based on their duty to protect the public. Board members agreed.

Legislation: a. HB 252 Relating to Speech Pathology (Act 235)

Establishes a provisional license for speech pathologists.

EO Fernandez said that Act 235 was signed by the governor on July 2, 2019 providing for provisional license. The effective date is January 1, 2022 and valid for one year, which may be renewed for an additional one-year period.

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

New Business: a. Board review and approval: RICO SPAU Advisory Committee

The Board reviewed RICO's SPAU Advisory Committee list and Addendum language for the 2020 term.

It was motioned by Dr. Ching, seconded by Ms. Hu, and unanimously carried to approve the members on the Advisory Committee list and Addendum language for the 2020 term.

Next Meeting Friday, December 6, 2019  
Date: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
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Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Christopher Fernandez  
Christopher Fernandez  
Executive Officer

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

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Minutes approved as is.

Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_.