

BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: February 19, 2021

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar
(use link below)
<https://dcca-hawaii-gov.zoom.us/j/94139550976>

Present: Lorna Hu, Member, Speech Pathologist
Erin Firmin, Member, Speech Pathologist
Dr. Susan May, Member, Audiologist
Dr. Denby Rall, Member, Audiologist
Brian Chen M.D., Public Member/Otorhinolaryngologist
Christopher Fernandez, Executive Officer (“EO”)
Kelly Suzuka, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Susan A. Reyes, Secretary
Lori Beth Van Cantfort, Executive Officer (Technical Support)
Christine Dela Cruz, Office Assistant (Technical Support)

Excused: None.

Guests: None.

Call to Order: Acting Chair Dr. Rall confirmed by roll call that she, Dr. May, Dr. Chen, Ms. Hu, Ms. Firmin were present. With roll call complete Dr. Rall brought the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m.

Acting Chair Dr. Rall gave directional information for the public to participate if they wanted to provide a testimony. They were also informed that testimonies will be limited to five minutes.

Acting Chair Dr. Rall asked if there was any public person who wished to provide oral testimony on the agenda item; there were none.

Election of Officers:

Acting Chair Dr. Rall stated that pursuant to HRS 436B-6, the Board will now hold elections for Chair and Vice Chair. She asked if there were any nominations and was also reminded that they could nominate themselves.

Dr. May nominated herself as Vice Chair. It was motioned by Dr. May, seconded by Ms. Firmin, and unanimously carried by roll call vote.

Dr. May nominated Ms. Firmin for Chair. It was motioned by Vice Chair May, seconded by Ms. Hu, and unanimously carried by roll call vote.

Acting Chair Dr. Rall congratulated Ms. Firmin and Dr. May as the new Chair and Vice Chair of the Board, and she handed the meeting over to Ms. Firmin to continue. Chair Firmin then called for recess.

The Board took a recess at 2:22 p.m. and returned to open session at 2:29 p.m.

Chair Firmin brought the meeting back to order and asked if there was any public person who wished to provide oral testimony on the following agenda item; there were none.

Approval of
Meeting Minutes
For February 7,
2020 and April 15,
2020:

Chair Firmin asked members if there were any amendments to the February 7, 2020 and April 15, 2020 meeting minutes.

It was moved by Chair Firmin, seconded by Dr. Rall, and by roll call vote, members present voted unanimously to approve the minutes (open and executive) for February 15, 2020 and April 15, 2020 as is.

Executive Officer's
Report:

EO Fernandez briefed the Board that he was contacted by the Educational Testing Service ("ETS"), who run exams for ASHA. He was informed that the PRAXIS Audiology 5342 was recently regenerated, and the new test Audiology 5343 was launched on September 1, 2020. Both tests are currently offered and will be until August 31, 2021, when the Audiology 5342 will be officially retired. He further stated that ETS wanted the Board to review the content of the exam and other accompanying items. He will be adding this to the agenda for the April meeting.

Ratifications of
Board Actions from
Its June 7, 2019
Meeting:

a. Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2019

Chair Firmin motioned, seconded by Vice Chair May, and by roll call vote, members present voted unanimously to approve the minutes for March 19, 2019 as is.

b. License Ratifications

Chair Firmin motioned, seconded by Vice Chair May, and by roll call vote, members present voted unanimously to approve to ratify the list of licensees on the agenda and minutes of June 7, 2019.

- c. University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (USAHS) request for Board review of their ASHA accreditation status

Chair Firmin motioned, seconded by Vice Chair May, and by roll call vote, members present unanimously voted to not have further discussion, and to carry the original vote of the Board.

Request for
Informal Opinion:

- a. Academy of Doctors of Audiology (“ADA”)

ADA seeks whether certain services and health screenings are included in the scope of practice for licensed audiologists in the State of Hawaii.

Chair Firmin asked if there was any public person who wished to provide oral testimony on the agenda item; there were none.

In their letter to the Board, the ADA ask if the following services were within the scope of practice of licensed audiologists:

- Medical diagnosis of auditory, communication, tinnitus, and vestibular disorders.
- Evaluation and management of auditory, communication, tinnitus, and vestibular disorders.
- Cerumen removal.
- Intraoperative monitoring.
- Cognitive behavioral therapy, specific to an auditory and/or tinnitus rehabilitation/habilitation program.
- Postural blood pressure measurement.
- Telehealth.
- Depression screening using a validated screening tool and referral/plan of care, as warranted.
- Cognitive screening using validated screening tool and associated referral/plan of care, as warranted.
- Dexterity screening using a validated screening tool and associated referral/plan of care, as warranted.
- Vision screening using a validated screening tool and associated referral/plan of care, as warranted.
- Speech-language screening using a validated screening tool and associated referral/plan of care, as warranted.

After a brief discussion, it was motioned by Ms. Firmin, seconded by Dr. Rall, and unanimously carried by roll call vote, that each item falls within the scope of Hawaii licensed Audiologists, noting the informal opinion from the Board’s April 15, 2020 meeting

regarding telehealth, and to have EO Fernandez and DAG Suzuka respond to the ADA's request.

Please be advised that in accordance with Hawaii Administrative Rules §16-201-90, the above interpretation is for informational and explanatory purposes only. It 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.

b. Applications for Audiology

What is required for an applicant whose ASHA certification has lapsed and who holds a master's degree?

Chair Firmin asked if there was any public person who wished to provide oral testimony on the agenda item; there were none.

EO Fernandez explained that there is a Hearing Aid Dealer Fitter applicant who has asked the Board if they would qualify for licensure as an Audiologist despite not having a doctoral degree but holding an ASHA certificate. He stated that in the meeting minutes from June 7, 2019, the Board discussed the change ASHA made to Audiologist requirements for the Certificate of Clinical Competence ("CCC"). The changes meant that audiologists would now be required to hold a doctoral degree to qualify for CCC. He noted that the Board's DAG Sherry Wong at that time determined that there was no need to change either statute or rule language. He also referred to a correct determination by Vice Chair May in a discussion with her, that Hawaii Audiologist license applicants needed only show proof that they can meet the requirements for CCC, thus ASHA certification. He also informed the Board that in his research so far it seems that ASHA does have a reactivation process for those who have had their certification lapse and have a Masters' degree not the current required doctoral degree in Audiology, and that HAR 16-100-19(3) only asks for the ASHA certificate of clinical competence, as a means of obtaining licensure.

After a brief discussion it does not seem like an applicant, such as the one above, would be barred from licensure if they hold a current or lapsed ASHA certificate, but the Board would like to discuss further at the next meeting.

Chair Firmin motioned, seconded by Ms. Hu, and unanimously carried by roll call vote, to defer this agenda item to the next meeting for further discussion.

Applications:

Chair Firmin announced that the Board will go into executive session at 3:03 p.m. to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses in accordance with HRS §92-5(a)(1), and to consult with the Board's Attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board's powers, duties, privileges, immunities, and liabilities in accordance with HRS §92-5(a)(4).

It was motioned by Chair Firmin to go into executive session, seconded by Dr. May, and unanimously carried by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:14 p.m., it was motioned by Chair Firmin, seconded by Dr. Rall, and unanimously carried by roll call vote to return to open session.

a. Speech Pathologist

i. Sandra Wilcox

It was motioned by Chair Firmin, seconded by Ms. Hu, and unanimously carried by roll call vote, to approve Dr. Wilcox's application pursuant to HRS §468E-5 and HRS §468E-9.

b. Audiologist

i. Darren Kurtzer

Chair Firmin announced that the Board will not be taking any actions with Dr. Kurtzer's application, due to his request to withdraw his consideration for licensure.

c. Ratifications

SP 1833	Analea Gutierrez
SP 1834	Eva Michalakis
SP 1835	Carynne Keyes
SP 1836	Elizabeth Rose
SP 1837	Laura V. Watts
SP 1838	Tien Khuc
SP 1839	Ellen C. Bustamante
SP 1840	Katelyn C. Taylor
SP 1841	Ashley E. McCoy
SP 1842	Cyndi M. Horikawa
SP 1843	Tara N. Roehl
SP 1844	Kearston M. Burton
SP 1845	Cynthia A. Sheehan
SP 1846	Siobhan D. Carpenter

SP 1847	Allison L. Kleppinger
SP 1848	Beverly McEntire
SP 1849	Brittany N. Mitrick
SP 1850	Chelsea M. Montoya
SP 1851	Lindsay G. Meyer
SP 1852	Kathryn M. Byram
SP 1853	Miki D. Shibata
SP 1854	Melissa C. Aar
SP 1855	Jennifer A. Passarelli
SP 1856	Julia D. Geertsema
SP 1857	Christa F. Fleshman
SP 1858	Staci H. Burleson
SP 1859	Morgan B. Haines
SP 1860	Donna Ventura
SP 1861	Ashlyn V. Benton
SP 1862	Nealey L. Hoffman
SP 1863	Julia M. Caveney
SP 1864	Jessica Hunnemededer
SP 1865	Jenette P. Mueller
SP 1866	Esmeralda Brusky
SP 1867	Helen W. Brusky
SP 1868	Kayla M. Kawamura
SP 1869	Adrienne C. Cruz
SP 1870	Stephanie Gardner
SP 1871	Kristin A. Oldknow
SP 1872	Jessica C. Hall
SP 1873	Lauren Monahan
SP 1874	Stephani A. Zinda
SP 1875	Dustin T.Q.N. Lam
SP 1876	Haley Geiger
SP 1877	Erin G. Clark
SP 1878	Scott M. Marcus
SP 1879	Sarah J. Tanfield
SP 1880	Dana E. Ventura
SP 1881	Rebecca E. Bramlett
SP 1882	Liana K. Watson
SP 1883	Deja Whitaker
SP 1884	Katherine D. Sexton
SP 1885	Joslyn R. Kiel
SP 1886	Marci M. Kometani
SP 1887	Emily M. Thibault
SP 1888	Jennifer G. Douglas
SP 1889	Joan E. Bush
SP 1890	Kristin M. Anderson
SP 1891	Donna King
SP 1892	Sarah Bindrup
SP 1893	Mel M. Maberry

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SP 1894	Annelise R. Gaffney
SP 1895	Samantha R. Zbarsky
SP 1896	Spencer A.S. Hatton
SP 1897	Kayla A. Martin
SP 1898	Donna Bales
SP 1899	James-Roy Armstrong
SP 1900	Joan E. Bush

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AUD 208	Jalin Finai
AUD 209	Emily M. Smith
AUD 210	Amanda Seeley
AUD 211	Sean T. Kakigi
AUD 212	Lindsay B. Hobbs
AUD 213	Chana Lerner
AUD 214	Stacey C. Kolb
AUD 215	Kelly R. Young
AUD 216	Alissa A. Carnelian

TOTAL: 9

It was motioned by Chair Firmin, seconded by Ms. Hu, and unanimously carried by roll call vote, to ratify the applications as noted above.

Next Meeting April 16, 2021
Date: 2:00 p.m.
Virtual Videoconference Meeting - Zoom

Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m. by Chair Firmin.

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 _____.