

## **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: June 7, 2019

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, 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: Gary Belcher, Vice Chair

Guests: None.

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Dr. Ching, seconded by Ms. Yatogo, and unanimously carried to approve the March 19, 2019 Meeting Minutes as circulated.

Applications: a. Ratifications

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

#### Approved for License - Speech Pathologist

SP 1754	Kristie Zoch
SP 1755	Sandra Singleton
SP 1756	Todd Hershberger
SP 1757	Alyssa Harris
SP 1758	Ruth Bass

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SP 1759	Kelly Bowes
SP 1760	Michelle Stettler
SP 1761	Rachael Delashmit
SP 1762	Leslie Ortega Matias
SP 1763	Lauren Jodoin
SP 1764	Colleen Dowling
SP 1765	Maria Carpio
SP 1766	Julie-Ann Sauer
SP 1767	Linda Bondly
SP 1768	Joseph Ahuna III
SP 1769	Heaven Gouch
SP 1774	Myriam Villarreal
SP 1775	Alyssa Masuda
SP 1776	Micha Craig
SP 1777	Mary Ervin
SP 1778	Keriann Dunnigan
SP 1779	Jenevieve Tapper
SP 1780	Joyce Kim
SP 1781	Mariana Blanco
SP 1782	Katherine Canning
SP 1783	Ann Morris
SP 1784	Caeli Duerson
SP 1785	Caitlin Downie
SP 1786	Ly Tran
SP 1787	Xiaomeng Wang
SP 1788	Ann Temple
SP 1789	Jacqueline Greenfield
SP 1790	Lydia Bretz
SP 1791	Suzanne Marley
SP 1792	Jordan Spargo

**TOTAL:**                      **35**

AUD 189	Benjamin Thomson
AUD 190	Shayla O'Connell
AUD 191	Christina Callahan
AUD 192	Shaina Nishimura
AUD 193	Samira Niksefat
AUD 194	Lauren Foley

**TOTAL:**                      **6**

Executive Officer's Report:

a. DCCA Disciplinary Actions March through April 2019

EO Fernandez stated that there were no disciplinary actions from March through April 2019.

New Business:

a. University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences (USAHS)

Email from Daia Hatchett-Jackson, EdD requesting that the Board review the USAHS MS-SLP program's ASHA accreditation and whether their graduates would qualify for licensure based on their current status. Currently they have been awarded "Candidacy" by ASHA.

EO Fernandez clarified that after speaking with ASHA, it seems that although the program is in "candidacy", it is considered fully accredited by ASHA. Additionally, the University is regionally accredited by WASC.

DAG Wong suggested that the information he received from ASHA should be on file for future reference and as confirmation of their communication and the Board's decision.

It was motioned by Dr. Ching, seconded by Ms. Hu, and unanimously carried to approve accepting the University of St. Augustine as accredited.

EO Fernandez will respond back to Ms. Hatchett-Jackson with the Board's decision.

b. Discussion on Eligibility for Licensure: ASHA AuD Requirements for CCC

Current statutes state audiologist applicants must have at least a master's degree. ASHA requirements state that an audiologist must have obtained a doctorate in audiology to obtain a certificate of clinical competence ("CCC").

EO Fernandez said that he was looking at what is required for CCCs for an audiologist in relation to the statute chapter requirements in HRS 468E. In the statutes' education section audiologists and speech language pathologists (SLP) are combined, and that a master's degree or higher is needed. His concern is that the statutes also state that an audiologist applicant would have to show proof they are able to obtain their

CCCs. This means that they would have gotten a doctorate and not master's degree.

Chair Uyehara-Isono said that audiologists that are near their retirement age, received master's degree, and all they needed then was their CCCs. The issue would be if these people did not keep their CCCs and didn't pay their dues to ASHA. They would have to show that they have skills equivalent to what is required for the CCCs. Which means, they would need to re-examine. They would need to show that they have enough knowledge from their master's program and further training to be qualified. This only came up once since she has been on the Board. Nowadays, Chair Uyehara-Isono stated that there are only doctorate level audiologists.

EO Fernandez asked if the Board should change the statutes.

DAG Wong suggested that there is no need to change the statutes and it should remain the same since it states, "at least a master's degree". There are potential issues for licensees and applicants, so to change it could exclude them from licensure.

The Board deferred further discussion.

Legislation Review: a. HB 252 Relating to Speech Pathology

Establishes a provisional license for speech pathologists. Takes effect on 1/1/2022.

EO Fernandez briefed the Board that this bill passed through legislature as HB 252 SD1 CD1. The original effective date was 10/1/2019, but after discussion in the previous board meeting and at the legislature, the 1/1/2022 effective date was decided on to ensure that the new provisional license will have everything set-up and ready for applicants; which includes creating forms and training staff just to name a couple tasks.

b. SB 307 SD1 Relating to Speech Pathology

Establishes a provisional license for speech pathologists. Effective 1/1/2022. Companion bill to HB 252.

EO Fernandez said that this bill died, since HB 252 was the vehicle used to create the provisional license.

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Next Meeting            Friday, September 6, 2019  
Date:                    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 2:40 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 \_\_\_\_\_.