

These minutes were approved by the Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology on October 16, 2019.

Minutes of the May 1, 2019 Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology Meeting

Craig Foss, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Audiology & Speech-Language Pathology to order at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 1, 2019, in the Lower Level B Conference Room, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was duly publicized by distribution of the Notice of Meeting Agenda at least 10 days prior to the meeting and posting the agenda at the entrance of the Department of Health and Human Services at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Foss announced that this is a public meeting and the Open Meetings Law was posted.

The following Board Members and Department Staff were present at the meeting: Katie Brennan; Dr. Rhonda Dick; Dr. Craig Foss; Jana Green; Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager; Antonio Carranza, Health Licensing Coordinator and Ami Huff, Assistant Attorney General. Board member Dr. David Vann was absent.

Green moved, seconded by Dick to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Brennan, Dick, Foss and Green. Voting nay: None. Absent: Vann. Motion carried.

Green moved, seconded by Brennan to approve the November 7, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Voting aye: Brennan, Dick, Foss and Green. Voting nay: None. Absent: Vann. Motion carried

There were no topics for discussion for closed session.

Covert-ByBee provided an update on the Regulation Review and Revision process. She stated that there had been direction that all regulations be promulgated in the previously reported Executive Order format by the end of summer 2019. The Department is currently in the process of submitting regulations to be implemented. Covert-ByBee requested that the Board focus on a few items including requirements for initial licensure, updating the Continuing Education requirements to account for updated technology options, clinical fellowship year/professional experience requirements and exam score requirements and update unprofessional conduct regulations.

The Board started with the definitions. They recommended to remove definitions that were redundant and outdated. They also recommended to amend professional experience to include "meeting core standards approved by ASHA or equivalent." The Board continued with initial licensure. They advised to remove specific score requirements for passing the licensure exam. The Board recommended a few wording changes to make the intent clearer. They also advised that individuals who have passed the exam and not practiced for 3 years or are licensed in another jurisdiction and have not practiced for 3 years to complete 30 hours of continuing education instead of 50 and also retake and pass the PRAXIS exam.

(The Board took a break at 2:11 p.m. They returned at 2:19 p.m.)

The Board continued with continuing competency requirements. They recommended to include that a current ASHA certificate can work as proof of satisfactory continuing education in lieu of

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any other proof as ASHA maintains the same continuing competency requirements. The Board also suggested to eliminate a maximum amount of hours eligible to be completed via home study per license period. They also advised to remove grand rounds from the list of non-acceptable continuing education.

Huff started the discussion on unprofessional conduct. She recommended eliminating clauses that were duplicative or outdated. The Board also recommended a few cosmetic changes to 172 NAC 24 regarding Assistants.

(The Board took a break at 2:46 p.m. They returned at 2:57 p.m.)

Covert-ByBee provided the Application Processing Report regarding licensure within the Department. This was for informational purposes only.

The Board discussed electing officers for the next year. Green moved, seconded by Brennan, to elect the slate of officers as follows: Foss as Chairperson, Dick as Vice-Chairperson, Green as Secretary and Brennan as Investigative Consultant. Voting aye: Brennan, Dick, Foss and Green. Voting nay: None. Absent: Vann. Motion carried

The Board is required to inform the public each year the method by which it will provide notice of meetings. In the past, the Board has chosen to post meeting agendas at the Nebraska State Office Building, to email agendas to the interested parties list, and to post agendas on the Department's website. Dick moved, seconded by Green to continue with the current notification process. Voting aye: Brennan, Dick, Foss and Green. Voting nay: None. Absent: Vann. Motion carried

The Board suggested discussing a possible Compact being created at the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana M. Green, Secretary