

Minutes of the October 16, 2019 Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Meeting

1. ROLL CALL

Dr. Craig Foss, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology to order at 1:09 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 in the Lower Level, Conference Room C at the Nebraska State Office Building located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was duly publicized by distribution of the Notice of Meeting and Agenda prior to the meeting and posting the agenda at the entrance of the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

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

Members Present: The following members answered roll call:

Dr. Craig Foss, Chairperson

Dr. Rhonda Dick, Vice-Chairperson

Katie Brennan, Member

Members Absent:

Jana Green, Secretary

David Vann, Member

Others Present:

Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, DHHS Staff Attorney

Rachel O'Toole, DHHS Staff Attorney

Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager

Antonio Carranza, Health Licensing Coordinator

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF MAY 1, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Dick moved, seconded by Brennan to approve the minutes from the May 1, 2019 meeting. Voting aye: Brennan, Dick and Foss. Voting nay: None. Absent: Green and Vann. Motion carried.

4. DISCUSSION/RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC HEARING

Covert-ByBee gave background on the process and explained they will review the comments submitted by the Nebraska Speech-Language-Hearing Association item by item. She advised the first two comments were in agreement with the revisions so they do not require a response. The first item for discussion was regarding the proposed removal of poster sessions as

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acceptable continuing education. The comments stated the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) accepts poster sessions for continuing education and they provide unique insight and information. The Board recommended to put poster sessions back into the regulations as acceptable continuing education.

The next item for discussion was regarding removal of the cap of ten hours on continuing education attained from home study. The comments stated ASHA does not have a cap on the amount of hours attained via home study. The Board also discussed the difficulty for practitioners in rural areas to attend in person continuing education programs and the detriment to their patients if they are one of the few practitioners in their area and are required to travel to attain approved continuing education. The Board recommended removing the cap of ten hours on home study and including "self-study" and "independent study" in the definition of home study.

The next item for discussion was lowering the minimum duration of a continuing education activity from 60 minutes to 30 minutes. The comments stated ASHA allows for continuing education activities with a minimum duration of 30 minutes. The Board recommended lowering the minimum duration for continuing education activities to 30 minutes.

The last two items for discussion were regarding language removed from the regulations as duplicative. The comments recommended leaving the language in the regulations so that licensees will be more likely to find it. Covert-ByBee stated the direction given was to eliminate duplicative language. The Board recommended leaving the duplicative language out.

5. ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS

MOTION: Dick moved, seconded by Brennan to adopt the regulations with the amendments discussed. Voting aye: Brennan, Dick and Foss. Voting nay: None. Absent: Green and Vann. Motion carried.

6. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

Suggested topics for next meeting include scheduling meetings for next year, regulation update and legislative update.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhonda Dick, Vice-Chairperson