

Minutes of the November 9, 2016 Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Craig Foss, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology to order at 1:01 p.m., Wednesday, November 9, 2016, in the Lower Level Conference Room D, 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.

Dr. 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, Rhonda Dick, Craig Foss, Jana Green, David Vann, Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager, Jacye LaFayette-Dymacek, Health Licensing Coordinator, Ami Huff, Assistant Attorney General, and Teresa Hampton, Department Legal Counsel.

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

Ms. Green moved, seconded by Dr. Dick to approve the minutes as presented. Voting aye: Brennan, Dick, Foss, Green, and Vann. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Green moved, seconded by Mr. Vann to go into closed session at 1:03 p.m. to hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussions. Voting aye: Brennan, Dick, Foss, Green, and Vann. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

Mr. Vann moved, seconded by Dr. Dick to return to open session at 1:23 p.m. Voting aye: Brennan, Dick, Foss, Green, and Vann. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

SCOPE OF PRACTICE

After discussion, Ms. Green moved, seconded by Ms. Brennan that it is the opinion of the Board that telesupervision is allowed for Speech-Language Pathology Clinical Fellowship hours as long as they adhere to American Speech and Hearing Association (ASHA) guidelines. Voting aye: Brennan, Dick, Foss, Green, and Vann. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

After discussion, Dr. Dick moved, seconded by Mr. Vann to table the discussion regarding the Early Hearing Detection & Intervention Action Center (EHDI) Tele-Audiology Initiative to obtain additional information. Voting aye: Brennan, Dick, Foss, Green, and Vann. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. LaFayette-Dymacek provided information regarding ongoing renewal for Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology licenses. The renewal period ends December 1, 2016.

After discussion, Ms. Green moved, seconded by Ms. Brennan to maintain the current practice of auditing 10% of licensees after the renewal period is over. Voting aye: Brennan, Dick, Foss, Green, and Vann. Voting nay: None. Motion carried.

Ms. LaFayette-Dymacek presented an updated application processing report. This report was for informational purposes only.

The Board set the next meeting date for Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana M. Green, Secretary

Prepared by: Jacye LaFayette-Dymacek, Health Licensing Coordinator