

Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2024

1. ROLL CALL

Dr. Rhonda Dick, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology to order at 1:00 p.m. on November 13, 2024, in the Goldenrod Conference Room at the Nebraska State Office Building located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. In accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS web site at <https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx>, and posted in the Nebraska State Office Building East Vestibule on October 10, 2024.

Dr. Rhonda Dick announced that this is an open meeting, and the Open Meetings Act is posted.

Members Present: The following members answered roll call:

Dr. Rhonda Dick, AuD, CCC-A Chairperson (via Webex)
Dr. Michelle Leenerts, AuD, CCC-A Vice-Chairperson (via Webex)
Katie Brennan, MS, CCC-SLP Member
Samantha Penas, MS, CCC-SLP Secretary (via Webex)
Robert F. Thornhill (entered via Webex at 1:03 pm)

Staff Present:

Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager
Suzanna Glover-Ettrich, DHHS Attorney
Kim Hitzel, Health Licensing Board Coordinator
Jeannie Burke, Assistant Attorney General

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion: Leenerts moved, seconded by Brennan, to adopt the agenda.

Voting aye: Brennan, Dick, Leenerts, and Penas. Voting Nay: none. Motion carried.

3. REAFFIRMATION OF MAIL BALLOT

There was one mail ballot since the May 5, 2024, Board meeting.

The May 5, 2024, Board minutes were approved May 20, 2024. Voting aye: Brennan, Penas, Leenerts, and Dick. Voting nay: None. Ballot approved.

4. INVESTIGATIONAL & CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION

Closed session was not held.

These minutes have been approved by the Board of Audiology-Speech-Language Pathology.

5. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPLICATIONS

There were no recommendations from the Board.

6. ASLP COMPACT UPDATE

The annual ASLP Compact meeting was held in San Antonio, TX on September 28, 2024. The annual report can be found at: <https://aslpcompact.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/ASLP-ICC-Annual-Report-2023-2024.pdf>. Work is continuing all the aspects of implementation of the Compact. 34 states have joined, and 3 others have pending legislation. More information can be found at aslpcompact.com.

7. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

LB16 which passed in 2024 and will go into effect in 2025 will define what convictions will be used to evaluate if an applicant can be disqualified.

8. UPDATE ON NEW LICENSURE DATABASE

The Department continues to work with the vendor on the new database and it is expected to be in operation in early 2025.

9. LICENSURE APPLICATION PROCESSING REPORT

The application processing report was prepared for informational purposes only. It is a snapshot of licensure activities since the last Board meeting.

10. SCHEDULING OF 2025 BOARD MEETINGS

Meeting dates for 2025 will be February 26, May 14, and November 12. All meetings will begin at 1 pm. The February meeting will be held virtually.

11. TOPICS FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING

The following topics were identified for the next board meeting: Legislative Update, Licensure Database Update, Audiology Speech-Language Pathology Compact Update, Election of Officers, Per Diem, Notice of Meeting Publication, Voting for Delegates, Public Comment, and Application Processing Report.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were not any public comments.

These minutes have been approved by the Board of Audiology-Speech-Language Pathology.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:34 pm.

Respectfully signed,