



**Washington State
Board of Hearing and Speech
Meeting Minutes**

November 05, 2021

Board Members Present:

Brenda Litke, Chair; Ray Parker, Public Member, Vice-Chair; Nicole Kingham, AuD; Roberta Jackson, Speech-Language Pathologist; Connie Furry, Hearing Aid Specialist; Brian Shute, Speech-Language Pathologist; David Horn, MD; Paula Benson, Public Member

Board Members Absent:

Lisa Illich, Audiologist; Kelly Siebecke, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

Staff Present:

Traci Orr, Interim Deputy Director; Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager; Madissen Schatz, Program Support; Sara Kirschenman, Staff Attorney; Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General; Jeff Wise, Policy Analyst

Others Present:

Melissa Johnson, Washington Speech-Language-Hearing Association (WSLHA)
Chantal Hammers, Spokane Falls Community College
Rick Giles, Hearing Aid Specialist

On November 05, 2021, the Board of Hearing and Speech met via web conference. Notice of the meeting was published on the [Board of Hearing and Speech Website](#) and was sent out through the GovDelivery listserv.

OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS – Brenda Litke, Chair

Brenda Litke called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

1.1 Approval of Agenda

Brenda Litke, chair, asked if there were any additions to the meeting agenda. No additions or corrections were made. The agenda was approved as presented.

1.2 Approval of Minutes – July 30, 2021, Business Meeting

Brenda Litke, chair, asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the July 30, 2021 board meeting. There were no corrections. The minutes were approved.

PROGRAM REPORTS – Heather Carter, Assistant Attorney General; Traci Orr, Acting Deputy Office Director and Interim Executive Director; and Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager.

2. Credentialing Statistic Report

Ms. Shadduck presented the credentialing report from the last quarter, indicating that all professions are growing. The Washington Hearing Society practical exam on December 03, 2021, has three applications. A pro tem member will be proctoring for two applicants and Ms. Furry agreed to proctor for the third.

Kim-Boi Shadduck shared the following licensure statistics with the board:

- Hearing Aid Specialist – 341
- Audiologists – 514
- Speech Language Specialist – 3,729
- Speech Language Pathology Assistant – 266

3. Current Budget Report

Ms. Shadduck presented the current budget report, which indicated little variance between the estimated and actual revenue. The board should expect expense changes for staff at the next quarterly meeting due to the executive director recruitment and hiring effort.

4. Program, Rules, and Legislative Update

Ms. Shadduck shared that the International Hearing Society practical exam revisions will take effect on January 01, 2022. The Education Exam Subcommittee will conduct a special meeting to review the new exams and discuss scoring in early January.

Ms. Orr shared that the recruitment to fill the executive director position was sent to the Recruitment Office. The CR-102 for chapter 246-828 WAC will be filed so the Rules Hearing can take place at the February 4, 2022 meeting.

Ms. Carter did not have any updates from the Attorney General's Office.

Board Business

5. IMPLEMENTATION OF ESB 5229 HEALTH EQUITY – Brenda Litke, Chair

Mr. Wise summarized the bill, which aims to create model rules around health equity continuing education from the Office of Assistant Secretary. Ms. Shadduck will notify the board when given the opportunity to participate in the Rules Workshops.

OPEN FORUM – Brenda Litke, Chair

The board accepted comments from the audience on issues of significance to the professions.

Mr. Giles notified the board that the FDA has released rules for over-the-counter hearing aids, and the public comment period is open for ninety days from the release of the rule.

Ms. Johnson notified the board that the WSLHA and the Washington State Academy of Audiology will be working on the SLP Audiology Compact and the Children's Hearing Aid Mandate issue for the upcoming legislative session.

6. COMMITTEE WORK

6.1 Rules Committee – Members: Connie Furry, hearing aid specialist; Dr. Nichole Kingham, audiologist; Roberta Jackson, speech-language pathologist; and Paula Benson, public member

6.1.1 There were no new agenda items referred for committee review.

6.2 Education/Exam Committee – Members: Roberta Jackson, speech- language pathologist; Ray Parker, public member, Nichole Kingham, audiologist; David Horn, M.D.; Kelly Siebecke, speech-language pathology assistant; and Connie Furry, hearing aid specialist

6.2.1 There were no new agenda items referred for committee review.

6.3 Disciplinary Committee – Members: Brenda Litke, hearing aid specialist; Nichole Kingham, audiologist; Ray Parker, public member; and Brian Shute, speech-language pathologist

6.3.1 There were no new agenda items referred for committee review.

6.4 Public Relations Committee – Members: Brian Shute, speech-language pathologist; Lisa Illich, audiologist; David Horn, M.D.; and Kelly Siebecke, speech-language pathology assistant

6.4.1 Committee members reviewed and discussed a request for lists and labels from Continue.Com.

6.5 Site Review Committee – Members: Brenda Litke, hearing aid specialist; Connie Furry, hearing aid specialist; Ray Parker, public member; Lisa Illich, audiologist.

6.4.1 There were no new agenda items referred for committee review.

7. COMMITTEE REPORT – Brenda Litke, Chair

The chair informed the board that the Public Relations subcommittee has recommended the board approve the list and labels request for Continued.com.

Ms. Jackson motioned to “approve the continued.com lists and labels.” The motion was seconded and adopted.

8. Agenda-Building – Brenda Litke, Chair

The next board meeting is scheduled for February 04, 2022, as a webinar. The board will discuss:

- Rules Hearing for chapter 246-828 WAC
- Food and Drug Administration rule changes for over-the-counter hearing aids in Washington

Adjournment of Open Session

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Submitted by:

Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager
Board of Hearing and Speech

Approved by:

Brenda Litke, Chair
Board of Hearing and Speech

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