



## **Board of Hearing and Speech Regular Meeting Minutes**

### **February 4, 2022**

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**Committee members present:** Brenda Litke, Hearing Aid Specialist, Chair  
Ray Parker, Public Member, Vice-Chair  
Nichole Kingham, AuD  
Roberta Jackson, Speech-Language Pathologist  
Lisa Illich, Audiologist  
Connie Furry, Hearing Aid Specialist  
Brian Shute, Speech-Language Pathologist  
Kelly Siebecke, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant  
Paula Benson, Public Member

**Committee members absent:** David Horn, MD

**Staff members present:** Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager  
Jennifer Santiago, Executive Director  
Sara Kirschenman, Staff Attorney  
Jeff Wise, Policy Analyst  
Stephanie Vaughn, Rules Manager  
Madissen Schatz, Administrative Assistant

On Feb. 4, 2022, 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 via the GovDelivery listserv.

## OPEN SESSION:

### **9 a.m. OPEN SESSION – Brenda Litke, Chair**

Ms. Litke called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

- 1.1 Approval of agenda: Dr. Kingham moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted.
- 1.2 Approval of minutes – November 5, 2021 business meeting: Lisa Illich moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and adopted.
- 1.3 Approval of minutes – December 15, 2021 special business meeting: Roberta. Jackson moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and adopted.

### **PROGRAM REPORTS – Jake Miller, Assistant Attorney General; Jennifer Santiago, Executive Director; and Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager**

#### **1. Program and legislation updates**

The Office of Health Professions is in the process of recruiting an assistant deputy director and office director. Traci Orr and Sasha De Leon acting in these roles during the interim. [HB 1043](#), concerning the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact, passed through the House Committee on 2-02-2022. The Rules Committee will have considered the bill by 2-07-2022. Ms. Shadduck will update the board as new information arises. The board's letter to the FDA regarding the proposed rules for over-the-counter hearing aids was submitted.

#### **2. Credentialing statistic report**

Ms. Shadduck shared the following active status licensure statistics with the board:

- Hearing aid specialist- 337
- Audiologist- 508
- Speech-language pathologist- 3,560
- Speech-language pathology assistant- 266

#### **3. Current budget report**

Ms. Shadduck presented the budget report from the end of November 2021. The fund balance is in line with what was expected.

The financial officer is now Poppy Budrow.

#### **4. CR 102 ON WAC 246-828 – Stephanie Vaughn, Rules Manager**

Ms. Vaughn apologized for the delay in filing CR 102 WAC 246-828.

### **OPEN FORUM – Brenda Litke, Chair**

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

## 5. COMMITTEE WORK

- 5.1. 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.
- 5.2. 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: Connie Furry, 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 There were no new agenda items referred for committee review.
- 6.5 Site Review Committee – Members: Brenda Litke, hearing aid specialist; Connie Furry, hearing aid specialist; Ray Parker, public member; Lisa Illich, audiologist.
  - 6.5.1 There were no new agenda items referred for committee review.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORT – Brenda Litke, Chair

The May 05, 2022 site review at the Spokane Falls Community College Hearing Instrument Specialist program will be delayed due to travel restrictions during the pandemic.

Dr. Jackson moved that, “The Board of Hearing and Speech do the site review for the Spokane Falls Community College Hearing Instrument program in 2023.” The motion was seconded and adopted.

## 7. Agenda-building – Brenda Litke, Chair

The board reviewed board business and discussed priority items for the May 06, 2022 board meeting.

- HELMS project
- Health equity CE
- WAC 246-828 rules hearing
- Update on the board’s letter to the FDA regarding the proposed rules for over-the-counter hearing aids

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 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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