



Board of Hearing and Speech

May 06, 2022

Board members present: Brenda Litke, HAS, Chair
Ray Parker, MBA, Public Member, Vice-chair
Nichole Kingham Furness, AUD
Connie Furry, HAS
Roberta Jackson, MA, SLP
Brian Shute, PhD, SLP
Paula Benson, Public Member

Board members absent: Lisa Illich, AUD, MCSD
Kelly Siebecke, SLPA
David Horn, MD, MS

Staff members present: Jennifer Santiago, Executive Director
Ross D. Valore, Policy Analyst
Jake Miller, Assistant Attorney General
Tami Thompson, Regulatory Affairs Manager
Jeff Wise, Policy Analyst
Madissen Schatz, Administrative Assistant

On May 06, 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 out through the GovDelivery listserv.

OPEN SESSION:

9:00 a.m. Open Session – Brenda Litke, HAS, Chair

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

1. Call to Order and Introductions – Brenda Litke, HAS, Chair

1.1. Approval of agenda

Ms. Furry moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and adopted.

1.2. Approval of minutes – February 4, 2022, business meeting

The spelling of Dr. Kingham and Poppy Budrow's names were revised on the prior meeting's minutes. Ms. Jackson moved to approve the February 4, 2022, minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Program Reports – Jake Miller, Assistant Attorney General; Jennifer Santiago, Executive Director; and Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager

2. Program and legislation updates

Ms. Santiago explained that [Substitute Senate Bill 5753](#), increasing board and commission capacities, passed in the 2022 legislative session. Notably, the board's compensation has increased from \$50 a day to \$250.

[Substitute Senate Bill 5496](#), concerning health professional monitoring programs, also passed the 2022 legislative session. As a result, the language in [RCW 18.130](#) has been updated.

[House Bill 1043](#), concerning the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact, did not pass the 2022 legislative session.

Mr. Miller informed the board that changes have been made to the [Open Public Meetings Act](#) in [Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 1329](#). The Department of Health is working with the Attorney General's office to discuss the bill's impact on the boards.

3. Credentialing statistic report

Ms. Santiago presented the following May 06, 2022, credentialing statistics:

Active status counts:

- Audiologist license- 508
- Hearing aid specialist license- 337
- Speech-language pathologist license- 3,574
- Speech-language pathology assistant certification- 262
- Speech-language pathologist interim permit- 170

Pending status counts:

- Audiologist- 16
- Hearing aid specialist license- 19
- Speech-language pathologist license- 133
- Speech-language pathology assistant certification- 34
- Speech-language pathologist interim permit- 17

4. Current budget report

Ms. Santiago presented the July 01, 2021, through December 31, 2021 biennium budget status report. The fund balance is high in comparison with the goal fund balance. The program has been identified for a fee decrease, which has been sent to the Department of Health finance team for consideration.

Open Forum – Brenda Litke, Chair

Rick Giles, HAS, ACA, BC-HIS, President, Washington Hearing Society, inquired about the recruitment status for the board terms expiring in June. Ms. Santiago confirmed that a package was sent to the Governor’s Office.

Melissa Johnson, JD, Lobbyist, Washington Speech-Language-Hearing Association, informed the board that [House Bill 1043](#) will return in the 2023 legislative session. Ms. Johnson asked if public members would be able to continue attending board meetings remotely, with the changes made to the [Open Public Meetings Act](#). Mr. Miller confirmed that there might be an option for remote or in-person attendance.

Mr. Giles asked if a site review has been planned. Ms. Santiago confirmed that a site review is planned for Spokane Falls in 2023.

5. Election of Chair and Vice-chair – Brenda Litke, Chair

Ms. Jackson moved that Mr. Parker be appointed as chair from July 31, 2022, to July 31, 2023. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Ms. Jackson moved that Dr. Kingham be appointed as vice-chair from July 31, 2022, to July 31, 2023. The motion was seconded and adopted.

6. Health Equity Continuing Education Legislation – Brenda Litke, Chair

Ross. D. Valore, Policy Analyst, gave the board a presentation and report on [Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5229](#) draft rules. Once secretary model rules are complete, the board will be asked to consider board-specific rule making.

10:00 a.m. Rules Hearing

7. WSR #22-07-092 CR 102 Rules Hearing on WAC 246-828 – Brenda Litke, Chair

The board and the department of health held a joint rule hearing to accept comments on proposed rules WAC 246-828-025, -075, -300, and -990 filed as [WSR 22-07-092](#) on March 22, 2022. No written or verbal testimony was received.

Ms. Jackson moved to adopt WAC 246-828-025, -075, and -300 as proposed. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Ms. Thompson will provide the rules hearing information to the Secretary of Health to consider the adoption of WAC 246-828-990.

8. Committee Work

8.1. Education/Exam Committee – Members: Roberta Jackson, MA, SLP; Ray Parker, MBA, Public Member; Nichole Kingham Furness, AUD; David Horn, MD, MS; Kelly Siebecke, SLPA; and Connie Furry, HAS

No agenda items were referred for committee review.

8.2. Public Relations Committee – Members: Brian Shute, PhD, SLP; Lisa Illich AUD, MCSD; David Horn, MD, MS; and Kelly Siebecke, SLPA

Committee members reviewed a request for lists and labels from Therapy Management Corporation. Mr. Miller recommended denying the request because the organization does not appear to meet the definition of a professional association or educational organization, and the request lacks sufficient information.

Ms. Jackson moved to deny the request. The motion was seconded and adopted.

9. Committee Report – Brenda Litke, Chair

The committees had nothing to report.

10. Agenda Building – Brenda Litke, Chair

The board discussed priority items for the July 29, 2022, agenda.

- Mentorship program for new members
- Board retreat
- Rules update from the outcome of the May 06, 2022, rules hearing
- Planning and assessment of schools and how multidisciplinary professionals (occupational therapists, physical therapists, and speech-language pathologists) work together

Adjournment of Open Session

Ms. Litke adjourned the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Submitted by:

Jennifer Santiago, Executive Director
Board of Hearing and Speech

Approved by:

Brenda Litke, Chair
Board of Hearing and Speech

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