



Board of Hearing and Speech

July 29, 2022

Board members present: Ray Parker, MBA, Public Member, Chairman
Nichole Kingham Furness, AUD, Vice-chairman
Connie Furry, HAS
Brenda Litke, HAS
Sonja Bradford, SLP
Brian Shute, PhD, SLP
Kelly Siebecke, SLPA
Harry Parent, JD, Public Member

Board members absent: Paula Benson, Public Member
David Horn, MD, MS

Staff members present: Jennifer Santiago, Executive Director
Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager
Christopher Gerard, Assistant Attorney General
Tanya Mills, Credentialing Supervisor
Madissen Schatz, Administrative Assistant

On July 29, 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 – Ray Parker, Chairman

Mr. Parker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

1. Call to order – Ray Parker, chairman

1.1 Introduction of board, staff, and guests

The board, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

1.2 Virtual or in-person public meeting

As of June 01, 2022, Governor Inslee rescinded [proclamations 20-28 of the Open Public Meetings Act](#). RCW 42.30.230 permits the board to hold meetings a remote meeting of the governing body without a physical location during a declared state of emergency if public attendance cannot be done with reasonable safety. Dr. Shute motioned that the next two meetings be held virtually because the board cannot hold a meeting with members or public attendance in person without reasonable safety. The motion was seconded and adopted.

1.3 Approval of agenda

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

1.4 Approval of minutes

Dr. Shute motioned to approve the May 06, 2022, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and adopted.

2. Open forum

No comments from the audience were received.

Program reports – Christopher Gerard, Assistant Attorney General; Jennifer Santiago, Executive Director; and Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager

3. Credentialing statistic report

Ms. Shadduck shared the following active status counts:

- Audiologist license- 520
- Hearing aid specialist license- 333
- Speech-language pathologist license- 3,610
- Speech-language pathology assistant certification- 274

- Speech-language pathologist interim permit- 175

Ms. Shadduck shared that two of three applicants passed the Hearing Aid Specialist Practical Exam on June 24, 2022.

4. Current budget report

Ms. Shadduck presented the 2021-23 Biennium budget status report for the period of July 01, 2021, through May 31, 2022. The actual revenue was \$467,704. The largest expenses are operations, discipline, credentialing, and indirect costs.

5. Program and legislative update

Mr. Gerard shared that on January 18, 2022, the board submitted comments to the FDA on the proposed rules for “Medical Devices: Ear, Nose, and Throat Devices; Establishing Over-the-Counter Hearing Aids.” The FDA was required to engage in this rulemaking based on [Section 709 of the FDA Reauthorization Act of 2017](#). The FDA Received over 1900 comments on their proposed rules and have not yet adopted a final rule.

Ms. Shadduck shared that federal legislators have added language to a new bill that would require the FDA to issue a final rule, resulting in the creation of a regulatory pathway for over-the-counter hearing aids within 30 days of the bill becoming law. As of yet, this bill has not been enacted

Board Business

6. Rules update CR-103 [WAC 246-828](#) – Ray Parker, chairman

A CR-103 for [WAC 246-828](#) was filed on June 15, 2022. and will become effective on August 01, 2022.

7. Correspondence from Occupational Therapy Practice Board – Ray Parker, chairman

The board reviewed a letter written by Walter J Greunwald, OTR/L, Washington State Occupational Therapy Practice Board, chairman, asking whether a healthcare professional can provide occupational, physical, or speech therapy services based on an assessment performed by another licensed healthcare professional (e.g. an occupational therapist providing occupational therapy based on an assessment performed by a physical therapist). Dr. Shute cautioned that providing services outside of a provider’s specialty impacts standard of care. Ms. Bradford shared concerns about legality and accountability. Ms. Siebecke stated that she agreed with the contents of the letter from Mr. Greunwald. Dr. Kingham suggested that a letter is drafted stating the board’s position.

8. Meeting and exam dates for 2023 – Ray Parker, chairman

The board reviewed 2023 business meeting and hearing aid specialist practical exam dates.

Business meeting dates (location to be determined):

- February 3, 2023
- May 05, 2023
- July 28, 2023
- November 03, 2023

Dr. Kingham motioned to approve the suggested board meeting dates for 2023. The motion was seconded and adopted.

Hearing and Speech Practical Exam dates- Tumwater, Washington

- March 31, 2023
- June 30, 2023
- September 29, 2023
- December 01, 2023

Dr. Kingham motioned to accept the Hearing and Speech Practical Exam dates for 2023 in Tumwater. The motion was seconded and adopted.

9. Committee work

9.1. Rules Committee – Members: Connie Furry, HAS; Nichole Kingham Furness, AUD, vice-chairman; Paula Benson, public member

No subcommittee work to review.

9.2. Education/Exam Committee – Members: Ray Parker, MBA, public member, chairman; Nichole Kingham Furness, AUD, vice-chairman; David Horn, MD, MS; Kelly Siebecke, SLPA; Connie Furry, HAS

No subcommittee work to review.

9.3 Disciplinary Committee – Members: Connie Furry, HAS; Nichole Kingham Furness, AUD; Ray Parker, MBA, public member, chairman; Brian Shute, PhD, SLP

No subcommittee work to review.

9.4 Public Relations Committee – Members: Brian Shute, PhD, SLP; David Horn, MD, MS; Kelly Siebecke, SLPA

No subcommittee work to review.

9.5 Site Review Committee – Members: Brenda Litke, HAS; Connie Furry, HAS; Ray Parker, MBA, public member, chairman

No subcommittee work to review.

10. Committee report – Ray Parker, chairman

No committee reports

11. Mentorship program for new members

The board discussed information that would be helpful for new members.

Ms. Bradford and Mr. Parent expressed that orientation was helpful and suggested a written packet prior to that meeting. Dr. Kingham suggested a biography regarding the different subcommittees. Ms. Siebecke suggested a standard operating procedure manual.

12. Agenda Building – Ray Parker, chairman

The board discussed priority items for the November 04, 2022, agenda.

- Presentation from Ashley Bell, health services consultant, regarding [Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5229](#).
- Position letter regarding correspondence from the Occupational Therapy Practice Board (for both settings schools and skilled nursing).
- Board members mentorship packet.
- Subcommittee biographies.
- Updates from the FDA regarding proposed rules on over-the-counter hearing aids.

Adjournment of Open Session

Mr. Parker adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

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

Approved by:
Ray Parker, MBA, Public Member,
Chairman
Board of Hearing and Speech

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