



Washington State Board of Hearing and Speech Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2020

A meeting of the Washington State Board of Hearing and Speech was called to order at 9:04 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020, by Chair Lisa Illich. The meeting was held by teleconference with all participants on the phone. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the meeting agenda was emailed to the Hearing and Speech listserv and posted on the Hearing and Speech website.

Board Members Present:

Lisa Illich, Chair; Roberta Jackson, Vice Chair; Hal Hunsaker; Lynn Satre; Ann Plotnick; Brenda Litke; Kelly Siebecke; Ray Parker; Paula Benson

Board Members Absent:

Alison Vega, Dr. David Horn

Staff Present:

Brad Burnham, Executive Director; Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager; Sarah Beckham, Program Support; Joyce Roper, Assistant Attorney General (AAG); Tanya Mills, credentialing supervisor; Jeff Wise, policy analyst; Sara Kirschenman, staff attorney

Others Present:

Sandy Hubbard, Washington Hearing Society (WHS)

OPEN SESSION – 9 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Lisa Illich, Chair

Lisa Illich, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

1.1 Approval of the draft agenda

Roberta Jackson made a motion to accept the draft agenda as written. Ann Plotnick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

1.2 Approval of the February 7, 2020, meeting minutes

Roberta Jackson made a motion to accept the February 7, 2020 meeting minutes. Ray Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR– Lisa Illich, Chair (Action)

The board nominated and approved a chair and vice chair for the July 31, 2020-July 31, 2021 period. Per RCW 18.35.150(4): *The chair shall rotate annually among the hearing aid specialists, speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and public members serving on the board.*

The next rotation for board chair is a speech-language pathologist. Board chair order is as follows:

- Speech-language pathologist: 2020 to 2021
- Hearing aid specialist: 2021 to 2022
- Public member: 2022 to 2023
- Audiologist: 2023 to 2024

Brenda Litke made a motion to approve Roberta Jackson as chair for the coming year. Ann Plotnick seconded that motion. Motion carried.

Lynn Satre made a motion to nominate Brenda Litke as vice chair for the coming year. Ann Plotnick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. PROGRAM AND BOARD UPDATES - Brad Burnham, executive director; Lisa Illich, Chair and Kim-Boi Shadduck, program manager

Kim-Boi Shadduck – Ann Plotnick, Hal Hunsaker and Alison Vega are leaving the board as their terms are ending this month. Kim-Boi thanked Ann, Hal and Alison for their work during their appointment to the board. Kim-Boi appreciates all their expertise and willingness to step in when needed. Brad Burnham also thanked them for their time on the board.

Brad Burnham – Meeting by phone has new challenges as opposed to in-person meetings. During this emergency we are trying to do our everyday work along with work related to this crisis, and we still have some extra challenges. Rules are still being worked on with the department internal staff members with Jeff Wise and Kim-Boi.

Lisa Illich – no report

4. QUESTIONS REGARDING COVID-19 Exam – Lisa Illich, Chair (Information)

The board will have a discussion on any questions regarding COVID-19.

Practical exams

Brad Burnham – The most recent practical exam was canceled and we are not sure the June 26 exam will happen. If it is canceled we need to give applicants enough notice about cancellation.

We had eight applicants signed up to take the canceled March exam who are still waiting to take the exam. Board discussed possible ways to conduct exams remotely.

Sandy Hubbard, WSH - hearing aid specialist training program students have been furloughed from workplace because of the crisis. Students have been working under supervision at their workplace to get their required 520 hours. Students are allowed to go back to training as of May 5. She asked if the training period be extended during crisis time. Kim-Boi said the students are considered students until they take the exam.

Lisa Illich suggested a meeting with the chair, vice chair, proctors, DOH staff and Sandy Hubbard at WSH to discuss options for next practical exam. We will need four or five proctors for this exam.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for July 31. The department hasn't given specific information when we will be allowed to resume in-person meetings so this meeting may be conducted by teleconference.

5. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS– Lisa Illich, Chair (Action)

The board discussed possible agenda items for the next meeting.

- Practical exams
- Telehealth/teletherapy
- Subcommittee rotation

Lynn Satre made motion to approve these agenda items for the next meeting. Brenda Litke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6. ADJOURNMENT– Lisa Illich, Chair (Action)

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.

- Next meeting is scheduled for July 31, 2020

Signature on file
Presented by Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager

Date

Signature on file
Approved by: Lisa Illich, Chair

Date