



Washington State Board of Hearing and Speech Meeting Minutes

July 31, 2020

A meeting of the Washington State Board of Hearing and Speech was called to order at 9:04 a.m. on Friday, July 31, 2020, by Chair Roberta Jackson. 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:

Roberta Jackson, Chair; Brenda Litke, Vice Chair; Lynn Satre; Connie Fury; Kelly Siebecke; Ray Parker; Nichole Kingham; David Horn; Brian Shute

Board Members Absent:

Lisa Illlich, Paula Benson

Staff Present:

Brad Burnham, Executive Director; Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager; Sarah Beckham, Program Support; Joyce Roper, Assistant Attorney General (AAG); Jeff Wise, policy analyst

Others Present:

Sandy Hubbard, Washington Hearing Society (WHS)
Diana Thompson, Hearing Loss Association of Washington (HLAW)
Melissa Johnson, Washington Speech-Language-Hearing Association (WSLHA)
Chantal Hammers, Spokane Falls Community College
Sheryl Arends Hearing Aid Specialist
Rick Giles Hearing Aid Specialist
Ashley Romero WHS Student of Hearing Aid Specialist
Terry Mongrain WHS Student of Hearing Aid Specialist
Tess Crowder CART Services

OPEN SESSION – 9 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Roberta Jackson, Chair

Roberta Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

1.1 Approval of the draft agenda

Roberta Jackson, Chair, asked if there were any additions or corrections to the meeting agenda. No additions or corrections made. Ms. Jackson explained the presiding officer could approve these types of items without having motions and approvals made. The

presiding officer can approve if no negative comments (any additions or corrections) are discussed. Since there were no corrections or additions discussed, Roberta Jackson, Chair, approved the agenda.

1.2 Approval of the May 8, 2020, meeting minutes

Roberta Jackson, chair, asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the May 8th, 2020 board meeting. There were no corrections. Ms. Jackson approved the minutes.

Program Reports - Brad Burnham, executive director and Kim-Boi Shadduck, program manager

2. Credentialing statistics

Kim-Boi Shadduck said there have been quite a few new applications for speech language pathologists along with a few new audiologists as well as hearing aid specialists.

3. Current budget report

Kim-Boi Shadduck discussed the last budget report we received from Chi Sharma, our previous budget analyst. We have a new budget analyst and will have more up to date information for the November meeting.

4. Rules and legislative update

Kim-Boi Shadduck introduced Jeff Wise as the board's new policy analyst. Ms. Shadduck said there are no updates for rule making on ESB5210. The CR102 is being reviewed and Ms. Shadduck reminded the board the filing process takes time. Jeff Wise introduced himself and gave a brief presentation on what he and the rules implementation team have been working on for the board.

WAC 246-82-8075 – we are clarifying language to make it less confusing to credentialing and the public about the hours secured in education program do not count toward postgraduate work.

Mr. Wise also said his office is working on exam fees. Ms. Shadduck said the department is working on establishing a fee of \$350 for the quarterly practical exams for the WHS hearing aid specialist students. Brad Burnham said we worked with our fiscal analyst gathering data to establish this fee amount.

Brad Burnham gave a legislative update and said that at the beginning of pandemic, board meetings were more restricted but now agendas can be more robust. The 2020 legislative session ended on March 12 with no biennial budget work. The 2021 session will be a long session. Because of COVID and decreased tax revenue there will be a lot of focus on the budget during the 2021 session. DOH has one proposed bill relating to boards about changing elements of board composition. In future legislative sessions there might be a bill that may increase compensation for board members. During the last session, HB1551 passed relating to removal of the required HIV/AIDS training for all professions.

Open forum - Roberta Jackson, Chair (Action)

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

Melissa Johnson, WSLHA, said the issue of a licensure compact for speech language pathologists and audiologists will be coming up for next legislative session and wants the board to be aware of what is coming. The WSLHA is considering pushing that forward in next session.

Chantal Hammers, Spokane Falls Community College asked for clarification in WAC 246-828-615 standards for hearing aid specialist programs regarding when the 200+ supervised hours need to be done. Per Joyce Roper, AAG, those hours can be done anytime during the students training.

Board Business

5. COVID-19 Issues with practical exam - Roberta Jackson, Chair (Discussion/ Potential Action)

The board discussed possible outcomes for the Washington Hearing Society's hearing aid specialist (HAS) practical exam schedule changes and any needed follow-up.

Kim-Boi Shadduck said there is one participant needing to retake one part of the exam. She would like a motion to allow retake of the exam to be by GoToMeeting or Zoom.

A motion was made to allow retake of exam to be by GoToMeeting or Zoom. Lynn Satre seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Kim-Boi will find a proctor for this retake and get it scheduled before September.

There are eight candidates to the practical exams scheduled later in September. Ms. Shadduck would like to have these exams done over two days – September 24 and September 25 – at the Kent Department of Health (DOH) office. Two conference rooms can be reserved and we would need two DOH staff and two proctors from the board or pro tems for each day. Four exams will be done each day.

Lynn Satre made a motion to provide exams on two separate days at the Kent DOH office in September with two proctors and two DOH staff each day. Ray Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Brenda Litke said she could proctor on September 25 as scheduled. Sheryl Arends said she is available for both days. Rick Giles offered to be a pro tem for future exams.

6. ESHB 1551 Removing HIV/AIDS Education Requirement - Roberta Jackson, Chair (Discussion/Action)

The board reviewed ESSB 1551, which requires a four-hour HIV/AIDS course as a requirement for licensure. The board will consider authorizing expedited rulemaking to remove it.

Mr. Burnham explained the legislature put together a package of changes and statutes related to HIV/AIDS. The bill removed the specific HIV/AIDS piece for most professions. The board needs to make a motion to expedite rulemaking to remove the four-hour requirement for licensure. Repealing the WAC is just housekeeping since the law is already in effect which supersedes WAC.

Lynn Satre made a motion to remove the requirement for HIV/aids training and expedite the rulemaking process to remove the four-hour course. Nicole Kingham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The board approved DOH sending out notification via the GovDelivery listserv to licensees about this rule making. Kim-Boi Shadduck and Brad Burnham will draft and send a message.

7. Review of Draft Technical Assistance Letters for Complaints Related to COVID-19 - Roberta Jackson, Chair (Discussion/Action)

The board reviewed draft technical assistance letters to send when it receives complaints about violations of COVID-19-related proclamations.

The board discussed if any edits are needed and what additional information may be added regarding the nature of the allegations.

David Horn made a motion to approve technical assistant letters for complaints related to COVID-19. Lynn Satre seconded the motion. Motion carried.

8. Subcommittee Rotation - Roberta Jackson, Chair (Discussion/Action)

The board will review subcommittees and rotate members assigned to committees; Rules, Education/Exam, Disciplinary, Public Relations, and Site Review for HAS.

Rules Committee: Connie Fury, hearing aid specialist; Dr. Nichole Kingham, audiologist; Roberta Jackson, Speech-Language Pathologist; and Paula Benson, public member.

Education / Exam Committee: Roberta Jackson, Speech-Language Pathologist; Ray Parker, public member; Nichole Kingham, audiologist; David Horn, MD; Kelly Siebecke, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, and Connie Fury, hearing aid specialist

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

Public Relations: Brian Shute, Speech-Language Pathologist; Lisa Illich, audiologist, David Horn, M.D.; Kelly Siebecke, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant; and Lynn Satre, public member

Site Review Committee for Hearing Aid Specialist Programs: Brenda Litke, hearing aid specialist; Connie Fury, hearing aid specialist; Ray Parker, public member; Lisa Illich, audiologist.

The public relations committee reviewed a Lists and Labels request from Kara Velez and Marlene Maheu. Dr. Horn made a motion to request more information about the company prior to making a decision on this request. Ray Parker, seconded the motion was passed.

Agenda-building - Roberta Jackson, Chair (Discussion/Action)

The board discussed possible agenda items for the next meeting.

- Compact licensure recap - Melissa Johnson WSLHA
- Public hearings for both rules CR-102
- Revisit list and label request
- Grant making possibility for licensure
- Follow up information about the HLAA district court decision case (Dr. Kingham)
- Meeting and exam dates for 2021

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for November 6, 2020