



**Washington State
Board of Hearing and Speech
Meeting Minutes**

February 5, 2021

A meeting of the Washington State Board of Hearing and Speech was called to order at 9:01 a.m. on Friday, February 5, 2021, by Chair Roberta Jackson. The meeting was held by webinar. 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; Lisa Illich, Connie Fury; Kelly Siebecke; Nichole Kingham; David Horn; Ray Parker; and Brian Shute

Board Members Absent:

Paula Benson

Staff Present:

Brad Burnham, Executive Director; Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager; Sandie Pearson, Health Services Consultant 1; Joyce Roper, Assistant Attorney General (AAG); and Sara Kirschenman, Staff Attorney

Others Present:

Diana Thompson, Hearing Loss Association of Washington (HLAW)
Melissa Johnson, Washington Speech-Language-Hearing Association (WSLHA)
Chantal Hammers, Spokane Falls Community College
Rick Giles Hearing Aid Specialist
Shana Baker, CART Services

OPEN SESSION – 9:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Roberta Jackson, Chair

Roberta Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:01 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 were made. The agenda was approved as presented.

1.2 Approval of the November 6, 2020, meeting minutes

Roberta Jackson, chair, asked if there were any corrections to the minutes from the November 6, 2020 board meeting. There were no corrections. The minutes were approved.

Program Reports – Joyce Roper AAG, Brad Burnham, executive director; Tanya Mills, credentialing supervisor; and Kim-Boi Shadduck, program manager

2. Update from AAG

Joyce Roper, AAG said she had no updates at this time.

3. Credentialing statistics

Kim-Boi Shadduck shared the following licensure statistics with the board:

- Hearing Aid Specialist – 338
- Audiologists – 489
- Speech Language Specialist – 3,335

Ms. Shadduck provided information about the Washington hearing aids practical exam. Ms. Shadduck shared that due to COVID she is working with the department to determine next steps necessary before scheduling the exam. Ms. Shadduck will keep board members up to date on this as she learns more.

4. Current budget report and inability to issue grants

Ms. Shadduck provided the board with an updated budget report. Revenue continues to exceed expenditures.

Brad Burnham, executive director, provided additional information about the budget. He said travel expenses are down since meetings are being held online due to COVID. He also shared the line item for contracted services has increased since the board is now offering CART services during the board meetings. This service will be built into future budgets.

5. Program and legislative update including Telemedicine SSB 6061

Mr. Burnham provided a legislative update to the board. He mentioned that the session will run until Sunday, April 25. He also gave a brief summary of current bills that have a direct or indirect effect on the board and on hearing and speech professionals: House Bill (HB) 1043, which is about an interstate compact for audiology and speech-language pathology; Senate Bill (SB) 5229, which would require all health care professionals to complete continuing education in health equity every four years; and HB 1340, which would create a statewide pandemic preparation and response task force. The bills are still being considered by the legislature and may or may not become law. An update on the status of the bills will be given at the next board meeting.

Board Business

6. Review of Rules on CR 103 packet for ESB 5210 – Roberta Jackson, Chair

The board reviewed and discussed the recommended draft language changes in the rules packet CR 103 for WAC 246-828-025 and 246-828-290, from the department's policy office. The board approved of the recommended language.

7. Rules Workshop for updating WAC 246-828 – Roberta Jackson, Chair

The board reviewed and discussed the recommended language changes in rules packet CR 102 for WAC 246-828 from the department's policy office. Board members discussed the changes. Ms. Shadduck asked members to review and let her know if they had any additional clarifications or changes.

8. Discussion of National Exams Scores – Roberta Jackson, Chair

The board reviewed and discussed options for endorsement credentialing applications in regard to expired national examination test scores. The board will determine each case by case through the current non-routine application process within credentialing.

9. Committee Work

9.1 Rules Committee: Connie Furry, hearing aid specialist; Dr. Nicole Kingham, audiologist; Roberta Jackson, speech-language pathologist; and Paula Benson, public member.

9.1.1 No additional agenda items were referred for committee review.

9.2 Education / Exam Committee: Roberta Jackson, speech-language Pathologist; Ray Parker, public member; Nicole Kingham, audiologist; David Horn, MD; Kelly Siebecke, speech-language pathology assistant, and Connie Fury, hearing aid specialist.

9.2.1 No additional agenda items were referred for committee review

9.3 Disciplinary Committee: Brenda Litke, hearing aid specialist; Nicole Kingham, audiologist, Ray Parker, public member, and Brian Shute, speech-language pathologist.

9.3.1 No additional agenda items were referred for committee review.

9.4 Public Relations: Brian Shute, speech-language pathologist; Lisa Illich, audiologist, David Horn, M.D.; and Kelly Siebecke, speech-language pathology assistant.

9.4.1 No additional agenda items were referred for committee review.

9.5 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.

9.5.1 No additional agenda items were referred for committee review.

10. Committee Reports – Committee members reported their discussions and presented committee recommendations for board action.

Rules Committee

- The committee did not meet and did not provide a report.

Education/Exam Committee

- The committee did not meet and did not provide a report.

Disciplinary Committee

- The committee did not meet and did not provide a report.

Public Relations Committee

- The committee did not meet and did not provide a report.

Site-Review Committee for Hearing Aid Specialist Programs

- The committee did not meet and did not provide a report

11. The Board's official opinion on HB 1043 – Roberta Jackson, Chair

The board reviewed and discussed HB 1043 proposed bill of the audiology and speech-language pathology (ASLP) interstate compact. The board has voted in support of the ASLP compact. Per the suggestion of Melissa Johnson from WSLHA, the board will request for more information from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and National Center for Interstate Compacts.

12. Agenda-building - Roberta Jackson, Chair

The board discussed possible agenda items for the next meeting.

- Legislative update 5229 ESB requirements for Health Equity CE
- Rules update

13. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for May 7, 2021 and will be held by webinar.