



November SLPHCPGB Public Meeting Minutes

Speech Language Pathology and Hearing Care Providers Governing Board

Nov 14, 2022 at 8:30 AM EST

@ OPLC - 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03303 - Meeting in person required - Public

Attendance available via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86079363434>

Attendance

Present:

Members: Meredith Bergeron, William Flanders, Jocelyn Lister, Ian McGarty, Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja

Guests: Jessica Whelehan - Board Administrator, Jenna Wilson - Board Administrator (remote), Megan Battaglia (remote), Cathy Casiello (remote), Christine Chamberlin (remote), Vicki Chesterley (remote), Elizabeth Eaton - Board Counsel, Shane Goulet - Board Counsel, Lauren Warner - Board Counsel (remote), Emilie Grossman (remote), Deborah Heath-Rogers (remote), Rick Matte

I. Call to Order

Ian McGarty, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:33 am.

II. Approval of Public Minutes

Motion:

Approve the October 10, 2022, public session minutes, as amended.

Motion moved by Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja and motion seconded by Meredith Bergeron.
Motion passed; Jocelyn Lister abstained.

III. Old Business

A. 2023 schedule options

Motion:

Approve the "2nd Tuesdays" 2023 schedule, with meetings beginning at 1:30 pm.

Motion moved by Ian McGarty and motion seconded by Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja.
Motion passed unanimously.

IV. New Business

A. Request for Declaratory Ruling

The Board discussed the request for a declaratory ruling. Input was sought from Vicki Chesterley, as well as Board Counsel. It was noted that the Department of Education had created this problem, and because of the language of the statute, there was nothing the Board would be able to do without seeking legislative changes. It was also noted that the Speech Language Specialists were welcome to apply for whichever license they would qualify for, most likely the Speech Language Assistant license, and if they met the requirements they would be licensed. Vicki noted that this was not a suitable option because it meant that they would need to work under an SLP. Vicki was told that the Speech Language Specialists were welcome to submit their education documents to the Board, and ask for a declaratory ruling regarding whether or not they would be able to obtain a license with their educational background; it was stressed that each person would need to submit their own request for a declaratory ruling.

Motion:

Deny the declaratory ruling.

Motion moved by Ian McGarty and motion seconded by Jocelyn Lister. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Public Appearances

A. Hearings

1. 9:00 am Disciplinary Adjudicatory Hearing: Deborah Heath-Rogers, SLP Lic. #0569

The Board held a Disciplinary Adjudicatory Hearing for Deborah Heath-Rogers, SLP. #0569. Counsel for Deborah Heath-Rogers presented testimony from the licensee and a variety of witnesses.

VI. Non-Public Session (Motion, Second, Roll Call Vote - read script in "Section Description")

Motion:

Conduct a Non-Public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and other confidential Board business. Such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3 II (e), RSA 91-A:5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges.

Motion moved by Ian McGarty and motion seconded by Jocelyn Lister. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote at 9:57 am.

VII. Resume Public Session

Public session resumed at 10:08 am.

VIII. Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session (Read script in "Section Description")

Motion:

Seal the minutes of the non-public session to maintain the privacy of the items discussed in non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, II (c), on the grounds that public disclosure may adversely affect the reputation of a person other than a Board member or render the proposed action ineffective.

Motion moved by Ian McGarty and motion seconded by Jocelyn Lister. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Licensure Approval

A. Fast-Track Approvals

 [Fast-track through 11.4.2022.pdf](#)

Motion:

Accept the list of Fast-Track approved licenses.

Motion moved by Ian McGarty and motion seconded by Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Speech-Language Applications

1. Alexandra Borriello - P-SLP to Full

Motion:

Approve the application.

Motion moved by Ian McGarty and motion seconded by Meredith Bergeron. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Cecily Givens - P-SLP to Full

Motion:

Approve the application

Motion moved by Ian McGarty and motion seconded by Meredith Bergeron. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Julia Sambuco - P-SLP to Full

Motion:

Approve the application.

Motion moved by Ian McGarty and motion seconded by Meredith Bergeron. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Kimberly Young - P-SLP to Full

Motion:

Approve the application.

Motion moved by Ian McGarty and motion seconded by Meredith Bergeron. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Hearing Care Applications

1. Peter Richard - Hearing Aid Dealer

William Flanders noted that the application was not complete as there was no Supervised Practice Plan, and no International Licensing Exam Score. He further explained that the scores included were from the course and did not meet the requirements for exam scores set forth in rule.

X. Rules Review and other Legislative Topics

A. Spe 100s various - Final Proposal

Motion:

Approve the Final Proposal as amended.

Motion moved by Jocelyn Lister and motion seconded by Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Spe 500s draft IP

Tina Kelley distributed a paper copy of the Spe 500s draft Initial Proposal. The Board stated they would address this draft at their next meeting. Tina informed Jessica Whelehan, Board Administrator, that she would have a digital copy to Jessica as soon as possible.

XI. Adjourn meeting

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.