



March 20, 2023 SLPHCPGB Public Meeting

Speech Language Pathology and Hearing Care Providers Governing Board
Mar 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM
7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03303

Minutes

Attendance:

Ian McGarty, Chair
Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Meredith Bergeron
William Flanders

Absent:

Jocelyn Lister

Administration:

Elizabeth Eaton, Board Counsel
Traci Weber, Administrator

I. Call to Order – Chair Ian McGarty called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Approval of Public Minutes – January 10, 2023. On motion from Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja, second by Meredith Bergeron. Motion passed; William Flanders abstained.

III. Public Appearances - No Items

A. Hearings - No Items

B. Interviews - No Items

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates

V. New Business – The Board may need to change next months' meeting. The administrator will send out a calendar event to find out next available dates in April to meet.

VI. Licensure Approval

A. Fast-Track Approvals – On motion from Ian McGarty, second from Mary Ann Melizzi Golja to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Speech-Language Applications

1. Jocelyn Marks, P-SLP to Full license – On motion from Ian McGarty, second from Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja to move to non-public discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Emily Geary, SLA Reinstatement – On motion from Ian McGarty, second from Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja to approve. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Haley Follansby, P-SLP to Full – On motion from Meredith Bergeron, second from

- Ian McGarty to approve. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Victoria Mogol, P-SLP to Full – On motion from Meredith Bergeron, second from Ian McGarty to approve. Motion passed unanimously.
 5. Emily Daigle, P-SLP to Full – On motion from Meredith Bergeron, second from Ian McGarty to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Hearing Care Applications

1. Alexander Adams – On motion from William Flanders, second from Ian McGarty to approve. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Casey Carroll – On motion from William Flanders, second from Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Rules Review and other Legislative Topics

1. Legislative Update (OPLC Counsel)

- a. **HB 655** – This passed the House and has moved to the Senate. They removed all of the repeals there. HB 655 is the restructuring of OPLC. Question from a Board Member - Pg 69 of HB 2 F:16(d) ‘the business agrees in writing to the sales & dispensing of hearing aids. The dispensing is under SLP. Board Counsel will note this. If HB 655 passes, every single Board and Council will follow the guidelines of the Fast Track process. The Board would still see the list of Fast Track applicants. Question from the Board member – there is concern about a possible situation where a licensee that slips through and should not have been issued a license, how will this be handled. Answer, the Boards will have to have a strict rubric or checklists in order to assist the license clerks in following the Board’s guidelines. In regard to Complaints Enforcement will determine whether the complaint needs to go to the Board or not. Investigations will only be performed by enforcement, this is to allow the Boards to strictly be the ‘finders of facts’. The Board will still make the decisions. The language of the bill requires Enforcement to hire experts in the profession.
- b. **HB 2** – The Governing Board of Allied Health Professionals will be dissolved and OPLC will make sure the Board creates and writes rules.

VIII. Non-Public Session - On motion from Ian McGarty, second from Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja to move into Non-Public session, roll call vote 4-0-0.

“The Board will 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.”

IX. Resume Public Session: 10:45 a.m.

X. Other Board Business: On motion from Meredith Bergeron, second from Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja to approve Jocelyn Marks P-SLP to Full licensure. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session – On motion from Ian McGarty, second from Meredith Bergeron to Seal the meeting minutes, roll call vote 4-0-0.

“The Board votes to 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.”

XII. Adjourn meeting: 10:49