



SLPHCPGB Public Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2024 at 2:00 PM
7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03303

Attendance

Members Present:

Ian McGarty, Chair; Meredith Bergeron; Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja *via Zoom*; William Flanders

Staff Present: Brenda Rines, Board Administrator; Tina Kelley, Rulemaking Coordinator; Heather Kelley, Director of Operations; Rahkiya Medley, Esq., Board Counsel

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Ian McGarty, Chair, at 2:03 pm with a quorum of the Board present.

II. Remote Participation - Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja

Motion:

Upon a motion by I. McGarty and seconded by W. Flanders to approve the remote participation due to the anticipation of bad weather by roll call vote.

III. Approval of Public Minutes

January 9, 2024 Public Meeting Minutes

Motion:

Upon a motion by M. Bergeron and seconded by W. Flanders to approve the minutes as submitted by roll call vote.

IV. OPLC and/or Board Administration

A. Bethany Cottrell, Division Director of Licensing and Board Administration 2:15 pm

DOE SLS Certification process discussion

Division Director of Licensing and Board Administration, Bethany Cottrell has communicated to the board that she is still waiting on DOJ feedback for the legal review. Once this has been received, she will meet with the board.

B. Board Travel Policy -Reminding FYI

C. CE Broker - Heather Kelley, Director of Operations and Bethany Cottrell, Division Director of Licensing and Board Administration 2:30 pm

Director of Operations, Heather Kelley spoke to the board about CE Broker, which is a depository for continuing education certificates which is being rolled out to all boards. There will be a stakeholder meeting and training for all licensees.

V. Rules Review and other Legislative Topics

A. Board Counsel, Rahkiya Medley

Legislative Updates

Board Counsel, Rahkiya Medley reviewed the following bills with the board:

1) HB 1676 - Sunset Bill.

2) HB 1095 - Non-Germain - How to pronounce Concord and to clean up language from last session. Additionally, the board also conveyed changes that need to be made as well. Specifically, paragraph 184-definition s/b Speech Language Pathology Hearing Care Providers, and paragraph 188 #8-needs to be updated it is not in line with statute, hearing care providers do not have provisional license type.

B. Plc 500 - Documentation provided by Executive Director, Lindsey Courtney

C. Spe 200 - Adoption Text and Cover Letter

Motion:

Upon a motion by I. McGarty and seconded by M. Bergeron to adopt Spe 200 by roll call vote.

D. Hcp 200 - Adoption Text and Cover Letter

Motion:

Upon a motion by I. McGarty and seconded by W. Flanders to adopt Hcp 200 by roll call vote.

E. Spe 602 and Spe 607.01 Adoption Text and Cover Letter

Motion:

Upon a motion by M. Bergeron and seconded by M. Melizzi-Golja to adopt Spe 602 and Spe 607.01 by roll call vote.

VI. Licensure Approval

A. Fast-Track Approvals 1.1.24 thru 2.5.24

Informational purposes only

VII. Public Comments

Troy Danis, licensed Audiologist in Rhode Island, is interested in becoming licensed in NH and was looking for advise on how to go about it. Troy provided his email address and the LSR will be reaching out to him with the requirements needed.

VIII. Old Business

Board has requested an update on the Plc 313.

IX. Non-Public Session

“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.”

Motion:

Upon a motion by I. McGarty and seconded by M. Bergeron to enter into a non-public session by roll call vote at 2:36 pm.

X. Resume Public Session

Public session resumed at 2:58 pm.

XI. Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session

“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.”

Motion:

Upon a motion by I. McGarty and seconded by M. Bergeron to seal the non-public minutes by roll call vote.

XII. Adjourn meeting - Next Board meeting is March 12, 2024 at 2:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.