



SLPHCPGB Public Meeting Minutes

Speech Language Pathology and Hearing Care Providers Governing Board
April 9, 2024 at 2:00 PM
7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03303

Attendance

Members Present:

William Flanders (WF), Interim Chair; Meredith Bergeron (MB) *via Zoom*; Lisa Mitchell (LM)

Staff Present: Jeanne Webber, Board Administrator; Heather Kelley, Director of Operations; Bethany Cottrell, Director, *via Zoom*; Rahkiya Medley, Esq., Board Counsel

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 2:04 p.m. with a quorum of the Board present.

Motion:

Upon a motion by MB, with a second by LM, the Board voted appoint WF to act as the Interim Chair for this meeting; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

II. Remote Participation – Meredith Bergeron

Motion:

Upon a motion by WF, and seconded by LM, the Board voted to approve the remote participation of MB due to transportation issues; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

III. Approval of Public Minutes

A. February 13, 2024

Motion:

Upon a motion by MB, with a second by WF, the Board voted to approve the minutes as amended; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote. **Abstain:** LM

IV. Public Appearances

A. Hearings

1. Sarah Adams

Motion:

Hearing proceeded at 2:35 PM. Hearing concluded at 2:48 PM. Upon a motion by MB, with a second by WF, the Board voted to approve the application for licensure; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

V. OPLC and/or Board Administration Updates - Informational

A. Board Members - Appointment/Red Book

Confirmations 3/27/2024

(Audiologist)

William Flanders, Hampton

Succeeding: Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja, Nashua

Term: March 4, 2026

(Licensed SLP)

Lisa B. Mitchell, Hampton Falls

Succeeding: Ian McGarty, Goffstown

Term: March 4, 2027

Nomination 3/27/2024

(Licensed SLP, Educational Setting)

Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja, Nashua

Succeeding: Jocelyn G. Lister, Newmarket

Effective: Upon Confirmation (next G&C 4/10/2024)

Term: March 4, 2025

B. Speech Language Specialist Certification process discussion - Bethany Cottrell, Director

Director Cottrell provided an update to the Board regarding the SLS certification after receiving clarification from the Department of Education and Department of Justice. Once certifications expire, current speech language specialists can continue in the position in which they've been working without a license or certification. Director Cottrell will draft communication to be provided to current speech language specialists and their employers for the Board to review at the May 14, 2024 meeting.

C. State / National Associations – Board members will provide information regarding their profession’s state and national associations to the Board Administrator via email.

D. 91 A Refresher - Informational

VI. New Business

A. Practical Exam - Heather Kelley, Director of Operations

WF provided a historical overview of the practical examination required for hearing aid dealers pursuant to Hcp 304.05. Heather Kelley will look into options and provide an update to the Board at its next meeting.

B. Inquiry – Speech Language Assistant rules

Vicki Chesterley, Chair of the NHSLHA Legislative Committee, inquired into the possibility of licensure for SLAs. Attorney Medley will review current statutes and the Board will review her findings at the May 14, 2024 meeting.

C. Inquiry - Scope of Practice

The Board received an inquiry into scope of practice. Neither the Board, nor its staff or counsel, are permitted to provide legal advice or advisory opinions, including interpretations of the law or regulations. The Board Administrator will direct the individual to contact a private attorney or professional organization for advice or guidance.

VII. Old Business – No items

VIII. Rules Review and other Legislative Topics

A. Legislative Updates – Rahkiya Medley, Board Counsel

HB 1676 - establishing a sunset commission to evaluate various occupational boards and commissions, and sunsetting various boards and commissions
HB 1095 - relative to the official pronunciation of "New Hampshire" and "Concord."

B. Plc 200

To repeal existing chapter 200 administrative rules pursuant to HB 655 and adopt Plc 200 rules. The Board may establish a waiver of substantive rules under the Plc 200s.

Motion:

Upon a motion by WF, with a second by MB, the Board voted to initiate rulemaking; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

C. Expiring rules – Some current Administrative Rules will expire on 10/4/2024

Motion:

Upon a motion by WF, with a second by MB, the Board voted to initiate rulemaking; motion passed unanimously via roll call vote.

IX. Licensure Approval - Informational

A. Fast-Track Approvals 2/5/2024 through 3/31/2024 – The following applications were approved since the February 13, 2024 meeting:

VANESSA	LANGE	REINSTATEMENT	2/7/2024
SARAH	SCHNEIDER	REINSTATEMENT	2/8/2024
CATHERINE	CHRISTIANSON	PROVISIONAL	2/9/2024
AISLING	TIERNAN	INITIAL, SLA	2/12/2024
AMI	DEAN	INITIAL, SLP REINSTATEMENT,	2/13/2024
LINDA	CARROLL	SLP	2/14/2024
RACHAEL	O'NEIL	PROVISIONAL	2/14/2024
MEGAN	VOLLINK	INITIAL, SLP	2/20/2024
ALEXIS	BRYAN	PROVISIONAL	2/21/2024
CORDLIA	COLLIER	REINSTATEMENT, SLP	2/21/2024
STEPHANIE	GILLETTE	REINSTATEMENT, SLA	2/23/2024
MARY	COTTON	INITIAL, SLP	2/23/2024
MEGAN	KOSCIAK	P-SLP - FULL	2/26/2024
ERIN	LUCEY	P-SLP - FULL	2/26/2024
JANET	MCDANIEL	INITIAL, SLP	2/26/2024
ALICIA	NOURY	INITIAL, SLA	2/28/2024
KATIE	LABROZZI	INITIAL, SLP	2/28/2024
ZACHARY	KOHARSKI	INITIAL, SLP	3/1/2024
BRYNN	ROWE	INITIAL, SLP	3/1/2024
AMANDA	TINGLEY	PROVISIONAL	3/1/2024
LISA	DUBOIS	INITIAL, SLA	3/1/2024
DONNA	BROWN	REINSTATEMENT, SLP	3/1/2024
SIDNEY	SCOTT	REINSTATEMENT, SLP	3/4/2024
KRISTEN	YAKOVAKIS	INITIAL, SLA	3/5/2024
KATHY	LEWIS	INITIAL, SLP	3/11/2024
ELYSE	PERRY	INITIAL, SLP	3/11/2024
ELIZABETH	ALEO	INITIAL, SLP	3/11/2024
SHELBY	CLARK	INITIAL, SLP	3/14/2024
JULIA	PRESTON	INITIAL, SLA	3/18/2024
HALEY	BAXTER	P-SLP - FULL	3/20/2024
LAUREN	FLYNN	INITIAL, SLP	3/21/2024
MADISON	MAY	P-SLP - FULL	3/26/2024
ALEXANDRA	MACK	INITIAL, SLP	3/28/2024

X. First Non-Public Session

At 2:50 p.m., upon a motion by WF, with a second by MB, the Board voted to conduct the **1st non-public session** for the purpose of evaluating complaints, the approval disapproval/correction of the Non-Public Minutes and other confidential Board business and noting that 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.

[Minutes kept separately]

XI. Resume Public Session

Motion:

At 2:54 p.m., upon a motion by WF, with a second by LM, the Board voted to resume public session.

XII. Seal the Minutes of the 1st Non-Public Session

Upon a motion by WF, with a second by MB, the Board voted to withhold the minutes of the preceding 1st non-public session from public disclosure 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.

XIII. Second Non-Public Session

At 3:34 p.m., upon a motion by WF, with a second by LM, the Board voted to conduct the **2nd non-public session** for the purpose of evaluating complaints, the approval disapproval/correction of the Non-Public Minutes and other confidential Board business and noting that 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.

[Minutes kept separately]

XIV. Resume Public Session

Motion:

At 4:15 p.m., upon a motion by WF, with a second by LM, the Board voted to resume public session.

XV. Seal the Minutes of the Non-Public Session

Upon a motion by WF, with a second by LM, the Board voted to withhold the minutes of the preceding 2nd non-public session from public disclosure 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.

XVI. Adjourn meeting

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.