

Public Minutes
Speech-Language Pathology and Hearing Care Providers Governing Board
Monday, April 11, 2022

Call to Order: The Monday, April 11, 2022, meeting of the SLPHCPGB (“the Board”) was called to order at 8:33 am. The following members were present:

Ian McGarty, SLP, Chair
Jocelyn Lister, SLP
Meredith Bergeron, SLP
William Flanders, Audiologist

Others Present:

Jessica Whelehan, Board Administrator
Vicki Chesterley (via Zoom), Guest

*All votes are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

1. ADMINISTRATIVE

- a) **Review Minutes of March 21, 2022** – Upon motion from Jocelyn Lister, second from Meredith Bergeron, the minutes of the March 21, 2022, meeting were approved.

2. RULES

- a) **Spe 405.01 (Virtual Continuing Education)** – Board Administrator Jessica Whelehan informed the Board that a public rules hearing for Spe 405.01 would occur on May 9, 2022. Jessica would make sure Ian had a script for the hearing.
- b) **Hcp 300 – Hcp 500 – suggested edits submitted by William Flanders** – The Board reviewed the edits to Hcp 300 – Hcp 500 submitted by William Flanders. Upon motion from Ian McGarty, second from Meredith Bergeron, the Board voted to have William Flanders and Jocelyn Lister work on combining the Hcp rules with the Slp rules.

3. APPLICATIONS

- a) **SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST APPLICATION**

There were none for the Board to review.

- b) **SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT**

There were none for the Board to review.

- c) **SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL**

There were none for the Board to review.

d) SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST PROVISIONAL LICENSE

There were none for the Board to review.

e) SPEECH-LANGUAGE ASSISTANT APPLICATION FOR LICENSURE

There were none for the Board to review.

f) SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST PROVISIONAL TO FULL LICENSE

1. **Kourtney Bolis** – Upon motion from Jocelyn Lister, second from Ian McGarty, the Board voted to approve the provisional to full license application.
2. **Katherin Dodge** – Upon motion from Jocelyn Lister, second from Ian McGarty, the Board voted to approve the provisional to full license application.
3. **Kayla Doherty** – Jocelyn Lister and Ian McGarty discussed the fact that the segments were not submitted correctly, however it appeared that all requirements had in fact been met. Upon motion from Jocelyn Lister, second from Ian McGarty, the Board voted to approve the provisional to full license application.
4. **Elizabeth Kautz** – Jocelyn Lister expressed concerns over the fact that the submitted form was dated 8/5/21 and questioned what the licensee had been doing since that date. Board Administrator Whelehan checked the licensee's file and found that the hold-up had been due to the fact the required transcripts had not been received until March of 2022. After verifying that the licensee had her Cs, and upon motion from Jocelyn Lister, second from Ian McGarty, the Board voted to approve the provisional to full license application.
5. **Courtney Park** – Upon motion from Jocelyn Lister, second from Ian McGarty, the Board voted to approve the provisional to full license application.
6. **Kelsey Linehan** – Upon motion from Jocelyn Lister, second from Ian McGarty, the Board voted to approve the provisional to full license application.
7. **Amanda Roy** – Upon motion from Jocelyn Lister, second from Ian McGarty, the Board voted to approve the provisional to full license application.
8. **Lacey Locke** – Upon motion from Jocelyn Lister, second from Ian McGarty, the Board voted to approve the provisional to full license application.

g) AUDIOLOGIST APPLICATION

1. **Lauren Yanouzas** – Upon motion from William Flanders, second from Ian McGarty, the Board voted to approve the application.

h) HEARING AID DEALER APPLICATION

1. **Valerie Woiciechowski** – Upon motion from William Flanders, second from Jocelyn Lister, the Board approved the application, choosing to waive, upon their own motion, and in accordance with HCP 213.01 (d), the practical exam detailed in HCP 304.05 (a)(2) as the Board felt the exam is duplicative in nature given the other licensure requirements.
2. **Maria Perrson** – Upon motion from William Flanders, second from Meredith Bergeron, the Board approved the application, choosing to waive, upon their own motion, and in accordance with HCP 213.01 (d), the practical exam detailed in HCP 304.05 (a)(2) as the Board felt the exam is duplicative in nature given the other licensure requirements.

- i) **FAST TRACK PROGRAM** – The Board reviewed the following list of licensees, all approved under the Fast-Track Program:

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST LICENSES APPROVED UNDER THE FAST TRACK PROGRAM

SARAH	NOLD	INITIAL, SLP	3/29/2022
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SPEECH-LANGUAGE ASSISTANT LICENSE APPROVED UNDER THE FAST TRACK PROGRAM

SABLE	MUZZEY	INITIAL, SLA	3/16/2022
JENNY	WOODBURY	INITIAL, SLA	3/18/2022

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST REINSTATEMENTS APPROVED UNDER THE FAST TRACK PROGRAM

CORY	CAMPBELL	REINSTATMENT	3/8/2022
SUSAN	TOFANI	REINSTATMENT	3/9/2022
MATTHEW	COVIELLO	REINSTATMENT	3/31/2022

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST PROVISIONAL LICENSE A UNDER THE FAST TRACK PROGRAM

KELSEY	RICHARDSON	PROVISIONAL	3/31/2022
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AUDIOLOGIST UNDER THE FAST TRACK PROGRAM

There were none for the Board to review.

HEARING AID DEALER UNDER THE FAST TRACK PROGRAM

There were none for the Board to review.

5. OTHER/INFORMATIONAL

- a) **Website updates** – Board Administrator Jessica Whelehan informed the Board that she had submitted a ticket to have OPLC IT merge the Speech website and the Hearing Care website. This was going to be a fairly large project and Jessica did not have a current estimated time of completion.

6. HEARINGS

There are no hearings scheduled.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION:

Upon motion from William Flanders, second from Jocelyn Lister, the Board voted to enter into non-public session at 8:52AM for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and as authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (c), RSA 91-A:3, II (e),

and Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978). Roll call vote: Ian McGarty –Yes; Jocelyn Lister – Yes; Meredith Bergeron – Yes; and, William Flanders –Yes.

RESUME PUBLIC SESSION:

At 9:53 AM the Board returned to public session. Jocelyn Lister moved to seal the non-public minutes, and Meredith Bergeron seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to seal the minutes of the non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3.

5. OTHER/INFORMATIONAL (continued)

- c) Ian McGarty proposed making changes to Spe 405 as it was due for a public hearing next month. He asked the Board if they would like to consider changing the number of CE hours required for renewal for those licensees who were going through their first renewal. Board Administrator Jessica Whelehan informed the Board that changes were not permissible at this time. Additionally, Jessica stressed the fact that this rule had been in process for some time, delayed when the Board was unable to meet, and the Board should consider just getting this through rule-making, and then initiating changes as desired once Spe 405.01 had been posted.
- d) Meredith Bergeron proposed a possible change to the definition of “supervision”, and asked if the Board felt that there needed to be some clarity between “work hours” and clinical hours”. The Boars agreed that this was something that should be dealt with in the future.
- e) Board Administrator Jessica Whelehan informed the Board that Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja, SLP, had been nominated to the Board. Jessica was hopeful hat she had been confirmed at last Wednesday’s meeting.
- f) Board Administrator Jessica Whelehan checked with the Board to ensure they would be available for their May 9, 2022 meeting. Jocelyn Lister asked about the possibility of changing the meeting time every other meeting. Jessica responded that this simply was not feasibly given the logistics of room availability, Board Administrator schedules, attorney schedules, as well as making sure the public was able to attend.

Ian McGarty adjourned the meeting at 9:14 am.

