



# October SLPHCPGB Public Meeting Minutes

Speech Language Pathology and Hearing Care Providers Governing Board

Oct 10, 2022 at 8:30 AM EDT

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

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

## Attendance

### Members Present:

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

### Members Absent:

Jocelyn Lister

### Guests Present:

Jessica Whelehan - Board Administrator, Robert Malay

### Guests Present (Remote):

Vicki Chesterley

#### I. Call to Order

Ian McGarty, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:31 am.

#### II. Approval of Public Minutes

##### Motion:

Approve the public minutes from the September 12, 2022, meeting as submitted.

Motion moved by Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja and motion seconded by Meredith Bergeron.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### III. Old Business

##### A. 2023 Schedule Discussion

The Board discussed the schedule options for 2023. Jessica stated she would present two draft agendas to the Board, one with an 8:30 am meeting on the available Mondays of each month, and one with a 1:30 pm meeting on either the 2nd or 4th Tuesday of each month.

#### IV. New Business

##### A. Speech Supervision Inquiry

##### Motion:

Inform the licensee that the laws and rules should be followed. Spe 607.01 shall be pointed to as the rule detailing supervision specifics. The licensee should be advised to share this information with their supervisor, and to submit a complaint if they feel the rules or laws are not being followed.

Motion moved by Meredith Bergeron and motion seconded by Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Speech Delegate required for the Audiology and Speech Language Pathology Compact

**Motion:**

Appoint Meredith Bergeron as the Audiology and Speech Language Pathology NH Speech Language Pathologist delegate.

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

V. Licensure Approval

- A. Fast-Track Approvals

 [Fast-Track for SLPHCP through 9.29.2022.pdf](#)

**Motion:**

Approve the list of Fast-Track approved licensees.

Motion moved by Ian McGarty and motion seconded by William Flanders. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Rules Review and other Legislative Topics

- A. Comments on 100s (various)

**Motion:**

Accept the recommendations and make sure all changes are incorporated accordingly.

Motion moved by William Flanders and motion seconded by Meredith Bergeron. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. PART Spe 607 - Proposed Draft submitted by Meredith Bergeron

**Motion:**

Accept the proposed changes as submitted and send to Tina Kelley, OPLC Rukes, to begin the rule-making process.

Motion moved by Meredith Bergeron and motion seconded by Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. 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 Meredith Bergeron. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote at 8:53 am.

VIII. Resume Public Session

Public session resumed at 9:05 am.

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

Robert Malay, Superintendent of the Keene School District, asked the Board to consider some sort of waiver or conditional license for an applicant whose background check had inadvertently been sent to the school district, rather than to OPLC. Ian explained that the Board was not able to waive that requirement, and although there was a conditional license available, it was for those who would be under supervision. Ian also explained that not all applications came to the Board for full Board review, noting that those who did not have any issues were "fast-tracked" which was allowing people to obtain licensure more efficiently than previous years. Robert Malay asked what would happen if

he asked Executive Director Lindsey Courtney to accept the background check; neither the Board nor Jessica were able to tell him what Lindsey Courtney would do. Ian apologized for not being able to provide further assistance.

X. Adjourn meeting

I am adjourned the meeting at 9:18 am.