



# September 12, 2023, SLPHCPGB Public Meeting

## Minutes

Speech Language Pathology and Hearing Care Providers Governing Board  
Sept 12, 2023 at 1:30 PM EDT  
@ 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03303

### Attendance

#### Present:

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

Guests: Rahkiya Medley, Brenda Rines, Jessica Whelehan

#### I. Call to Order

Meeting scheduled to begin at 1:30 pm. If a voting member has been allowed to attend remotely, identify that member, have them check that they can clearly hear and be heard, and that they are alone in the room. Note that all votes must be via roll call vote if any voting member is attending remotely.

Ian McGarty, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:31 pm

#### II. Approval of Public Minutes

July 11, 2023 Public Meeting Minutes

##### **Motion:**

Motion moved and motion seconded. Upon a motion by William Flanders and seconded by Mary Ann Melizza-Golja. Motion passed unanimously as submitted.

#### III. Licensure Approval

##### A. Fast-Track Approvals - 6.28.23 thru 7.28.23

##### **Motion:**

Upon a motion moved by Ian McGarty and seconded by Mary Ann Melizza-Golja. Motion to ratify the applications passed unanimously.

##### B. Speech-Language Applications

##### 1. Abigail Metcalf, P-SLP to full

##### **Motion:**

Upon a motion by Ian McGarty and seconded by Mary Ann Melizza-Golja. Motion to approve the application passed unanimously.

2. Aparna Sivakumar, P-SLP to full

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by Ian McGarty and seconded by Mary Ann Melizza-Golja.  
Motion to approve the application passed unanimously.

3. Carly Gill, P-SLP to full

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by Ian McGarty and seconded by Mary Ann Melizza-Golja.  
Motion to approve the application passed unanimously.

4. Erin Linhares, P-SLP to full

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by Ian McGarty and seconded by Mary Ann Melizza-Golja.  
Motion to approve the application passed unanimously.

5. Jessica Regan, P-SLP to Full

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by Ian McGarty and seconded by Mary Ann Melizza-Golja.  
Motion to approve the application passed unanimously.

6. Prajakta Pakar, P-SLP to Full

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by Ian McGarty and seconded by Mary Ann Melizza-Golja.  
Motion to approve the application passed unanimously.

7. Samantha Washburn, P-SLP-Full

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by Ian McGarty and seconded by Mary Ann Melizza-Golja.  
Motion to approve the application passed unanimously.

8. Peyton Aleixo, P-SLP to Full

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by Ian McGarty and seconded by Mary Ann Melizza-Golja.  
Motion to approve the application passed unanimously.

9. Julia Izzo, P-SLP-Full

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by Ian McGarty and seconded by Mary Ann Melizza-Golja.  
Motion to approve the application passed unanimously.

10. Leah Herzberg, P-SLP-Full

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by Ian McGarty and seconded by Mary Ann Melizza-Golja.  
Motion to approve the application passed unanimously.

11. Christine Miller, P-SLP-Full

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by Ian McGarty and seconded by Mary Ann Melizza-Golja.  
Motion to approve the application passed unanimously.

12. Celine Bolduc, P-SLP-Full

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by Ian McGarty and seconded by Mary Ann Melizza-Golja.  
Motion to approve the application passed unanimously.

C. Hearing Care Applications - No Items

IV. Rules Review and other Legislative Topics

A. Jessica Whelehan - Rules and Legislative Liason

1. Rulemaking Hearing - Spe 602 and Spe 607.01 - 2:00 pm

Victoria Chesterly and Theresa Carr, from the public, both provided  
positive feedback.

Hearing officially ended at 2:15 pm by Chair, Ian McGarty

2. Spe 200 - Initial Proposal

**Motion:**

Upon a motion to initiate rulemaking by Meredith Bergeron and seconded  
by William Flanders. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Hcp 200 - Initial Proposal

**Motion:**

Upon a motion to initiate rulemaking by Meredith Bergeron and seconded  
by William Flanders. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Spe/Hcp 300 Rules - Review

Board Member William Flanders to work with Board Counsel and Rules Coordinator to merge the Spe and Hcp 300 rules into one.

**Motion:**

Upon a motion by Ian McGarty and seconded by Mary Ann Melizza-Golja.  
Motion passed unanimously.

B. Legislative Update - HB308

Rahkiya Medley, Board Counsel, gave an update on the HB308 changes that go into effect on 10/3/2023 regarding what constitutes quorum.

V. 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 moved by Ian McGarty and seconded by Mary Ann lizza-Golja. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote at 1:37 pm.

VI. Resume Public Session

Public session resumed at 1:38 pm.

VII. 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 Ian McGarty and seconded by Meredith Bergeron. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Adjourn meeting - Next Board meeting is October 10, 2023 at 1:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm