



December 12, 2023, SLPHCPGB Public Meeting

Minutes

Speech Language Pathology and Hearing Care Providers Governing Board

Dec 12, 2023 at 1:30 PM EST

@ 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03303

Attendance

Present:

Members: Meredith Bergeron (MB), William Flanders (WF), Ian McGarty (IM), Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja (MMG)

Guests: Bethany Cottrell-Division Director of Licensing and Board Administration(remote), Tina Kelley-Rulemaking Coordinator, Rahkiya Medley-Board Counsel, Brenda Rines-Board Administrator

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.

Chair, Ian McGarty called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

II. Approval of Public Minutes

November 14, 2023 Public Meeting Minutes

Motion:

Upon a motion by MMG and seconded by WF to approve minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

III. OPLC and/or Board Administration

A. Bethany Cottrell, Division Director of Licensing and Board Administration

DOE SLPA Certification process discussion

Division Director of Licensing and Board Administration, Bethany Cottrell spoke to the board regarding the DOE issuing SLPA Certifications. Board members voiced their concerns on certifications being issued after the DOE no longer had authority to do so. Ms Cottrell will be meeting with the DOE to discuss their concerns.

IV. Rules Review and other Legislative Topics

A. Tina Kelley - Rules and Legislative Liaison

1. Spe 200 - Final Proposal

Motion:

Upon a motion by IM and seconded by WF to approve the Spe 200 final proposal annotated draft. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Hcp 200 - Final Proposal

Motion:

Upon a motion by WF and seconded by MB to approve the Hcp 200 final proposal draft. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Licensure Approval

A. Fast-Track Approvals 11.1.23 thru 11.30.23

The board reviewed the licenses issued between 11.1.23 thru 11.30.23

VI. 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 IM and seconded by MB to go into non-public session by roll call vote at 2:09 pm.

VII. Resume Public Session

Resumed public session at 2:36 pm.

VIII. 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 IM and seconded by WF to seal the non-public minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Adjourn meeting - Next Board meeting is January 9, 2024 at 2:00 pm***Please note the time change***

Meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm.

