



January 9, 2024, SLPHCPGB Public Meeting

Minutes

Speech Language Pathology and Hearing Care Providers Governing Board

Jan 9, 2024 at 2:00 PM EST

@ 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH 03303

Attendance

Present:

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

Guest: Rahkiya Medley-Board Counsel (remote), 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 2:01 pm.

II. Remote Participation - Meredith Bergeron

Remote attendance was need to arrive to a doctor's appt by 3:45 pm. She confirmed she was alone in a closed door room.

Motion:

Upon a motion by IM and seconded by WF to approve remote participation. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

III. Approval of Public Minutes

December 12, 2023 Public Meeting Minutes

Motion:

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

IV. Rules Review and other Legislative Topics

A. Tina Kelley - Rulemaking Coordinator

1. Spe 602 and Spe 607.01 - Review Conditional Approval Response and Chair to sign letter

Motion:

Upon a motion by IM and seconded by WF to approve Spe 602 and Spe 607.01 as presented. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

B. Rahkiya Medley - Legislative Update - HB1394

Board Counsel, Rahkiya Medley informed the board that there are over 200 bills in process. HB1394 - Music Therapist is one of the bills being presented to establish a new board. Ms. Medley did advise the board to nominate a board member to be available to attend any hearing or a written testimony on the board behalf. At this time, the board did not nominate a board member. Will revisit at the next board meeting.

Motion:

Upon a motion by IM and second by WF to vote the board takes no position on the language of the HB 1394 at this time. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

V. Licensure Approval

A. Fast-Track Approvals 11.30.23 thru 12.31.23

For Informational purposes only.

VI. New Business

A. Frontbonne University - Email

Required reporting sent to the board for informational purposes only.

VII. 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 MMG to go into non-public session by roll call vote at 2:15 pm.

VIII. Resume Public Session

Resumed public session at 2:33 pm

IX. 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 by roll call vote.

X. Adjourn meeting - Next Board meeting is February 13, 2024 at 2:00 pm***Please note the time change***

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.