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**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 1, 2011**  
**Portland State Office Building**  
**Conference Room 445**  
**Portland, Oregon**

**PRESENT:** Ashley Northam, SLP, Chair  
Lyndsay Duffus, Audiologist  
Ralph Blanchard, Public Member

Sandy Leybold, Executive Director

Via Teleconference

Evan "Butch" Evans, Audiologist, Vice-Chair  
Jennie Price, SLP  
Elisa Williams, Public Member  
Mark Wax, Otolaryngologist Member (joined at  
12:30 p.m.)

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chair Northam, and roll call was taken.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no members of the public in attendance and no public comments.

**REVIEW/APPROVE DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

The Board reviewed draft minutes for the January 21, 2011 meeting. Blanchard moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Duffus seconded.

Aye: Northam, Blanchard, Evans, Price, Duffus, Williams  
Nay: none.  
Motion passed.

**SEMI-INDEPENDENT STATUS**

Leybold asked the Board to explore moving to semi-independent status. Leybold noted that semi-independent boards report advantages in the budgeting process, flexibility in staffing, and the ability to maintain and manage cash reserves for unanticipated case costs. Leybold stated that executive and legislative oversight would remain (semi-independent agencies conduct financial audits each year), and that DAS human resources would also still be involved.

Williams moved to explore the feasibility of going semi-independent. Blanchard seconded.

Aye: Northam, Blanchard, Evans, Price, Duffus, Williams  
Nay: none.  
Motion passed.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered Executive Session at 12:23 p.m. to consider information obtained as part of investigations of licensee or applicant conduct as provided in ORS 192.660(2)(k), consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection as provided in ORS 192.660(2)(f), and to consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed as provided in ORS 192.660(2)(h).

The Board returned to public session at 1:08 p.m.

## **ACTIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **2010-51**

Williams moved to close the case with no further action. Duffus seconded.

Aye: Northam, Evans, Price, Duffus, Williams, Wax, Blanchard

Nay: none.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **2010-58**

Blanchard moved to close the case with no violation found. Williams seconded.

Aye: Northam, Evans, Price, Duffus, Williams, Wax, Blanchard

Nay: none.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **2011-01**

Duffus moved to close the case with no further action. Blanchard seconded.

Aye: Northam, Evans, Price, Duffus, Williams, Wax, Blanchard

Nay: none.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

### **2011-02**

Blanchard moved to close the case with no further action. Price seconded.

Aye: Northam, Evans, Price, Duffus, Williams, Wax, Blanchard

Nay: none.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **RATIFY LICENSES ISSUED JANUARY 20, 2011 – MARCH 23, 2011**

Evans moved to ratify the licenses as presented. Williams seconded.

Aye: Northam, Evans, Price, Duffus, Williams, Wax, Blanchard

Nay: none.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

## **NEXT MEETING DATE/ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting will be held on May 13, 2011. The meeting adjourned at 1:13p.m.