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**Meeting Minutes  
February 7, 2020  
Portland State Office Building  
Conference Room 445  
Portland, Oregon**

**PRESENT:** Gail Swanstrom, Audiologist, Chair  
Victoria Edwards, Speech-Language  
Pathologist, Vice-Chair  
Amy Martin, Speech-Language  
Pathologist  
Dustin Ooley, Audiologist  
Clarence Williams, Public Member  
Anna Sanger Reed, Public Member (via  
telephone conference)

Erin Haag, Executive Director  
David Linn, Administrative  
Assistant (arrived later)  
Leslea Smith, Staff Investigator  
Tyler Anderson, AAG

**EXCUSED:** N/A

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:43 a.m. by Chair Swanstrom, after a roll call quorum was established.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Haag reported that there was an error in the November 8, 2019 minutes and that case #2019-40 was closed with action. Ooley moved to approve the corrected November 11<sup>th</sup> minutes and to approve the draft February 9<sup>th</sup> minutes. The motion was seconded by Edwards and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Wendy Gunter, CCC-SLP former Board Chair submitted a letter to the Board in favor of the national licensure compact.

**CHAIR'S REPORT:**

There was a discussion of the amount of time it takes to read the Board packet and whether the stipend for our members is adequate and in line with other boards. Haag said that other boards do offer a larger stipend and BSPA's stipend could be increased with a rule change. Other Boards also pay for one day of case review time and one day of board meeting time. Haag checked with DAS and board consensus was that she should implement that policy immediately. Smith asked if the board members would prefer to review case reports as she completes them over a three

month period, but member consensus was that they like the current procedure and the concentrated time of reviewing the cases within two weeks of the meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Haag reported that she has been conducting training sessions regarding the new SLPA rules for school groups and wanted to clarify one of their questions with the Board. There is a requirement for the SLP to treat or co-treat each patient/student/client on their caseload at least every 60 days. The Board confirmed that for schools, this requirement obviously does not count the days school is not in session, such as summer vacation.

Workforce data: this OHA report from the 2017-18 renewal was shared with the Board. Sanger Reed pointed out that most ethnically diverse slice of our licensee base are the speech-language pathology assistant. Edwards noted that more than 50% of our licensees have practiced less than six years.

Compact: The board continued to discuss the national licensure compact. Sanger Reed pointed out that it is a big project that will take significant staffing at a time when we are trying to catch up with our case backlog. She wondered what we might be gaining as we trade off productivity. There are questions about cost as well as benefits to Oregon consumers. Positives include possible streamlining and reduction of confusion with ASHA. We need a pro/con document that includes fiscal analysis.

Haag distributed proposed rules change to add a temporary licensure for military spouses as required by the legislature. After a discussion, Swanstrom moved to accept the draft rules to add a temporary license for military spouses. Ooley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Ooley moved to accept the draft rules, distributed to the Board, that add a requirement for cultural competency to the professional development rules and make other minor changes. Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A financial report was distributed.

The public session ended at 9:55 a.m.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Swanstrom called the Executive Session to order at 10:03 a.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 executive session ended at 12:40 p.m. and the Board returned to public session.

### **MOTIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**2017-12:** Martin moved to close this case with no action. Ooley seconded the motion. Voting aye were Martin, Ooley, Edwards, Sanger Reed and Williams. Swanstrom was recused. The motion carried.

**2019-54:** Edwards moved to close with no action. The motion was seconded by Swanstrom and passed unanimously.

**2019-48** Sanger Reed moved to close the case with action. The motion was seconded by Martin and carried unanimously.

**2019-52:** Ooley moved to close the case with action. Edwards seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**2019-64:** Williams moved to close the case with no action. Swanstrom seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**2020-02:** Martin moved to close the case with no action. Ooley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**2019-15:** Swanstrom moved to close the case with no action. Williams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**2020-04:** Edwards moved to ratify license. Swanstrom seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

**2019-43:** Sanger Reed moved to close the case with action. Martin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**2019-61:** Sanger Reed moved to close the case with action. Williams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**2019-62:** Sanger Reed moved to close the case with action. Swanstrom seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**2019-63:** Sanger Reed moved to close the case with action. Williams seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**2019-68:** Ooley moved to close the case with no action. Edwards seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**2019-67:** Ooley moved to close the case with no action. Edwards seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Swanstrom moved to extend the time to investigate open cases. The motion was seconded by Ooley and passed unanimously.

**Other Business:**

Linn reported on the renewal process on our new online system. Naturally there were some struggles, particularly for people with Comcast email accounts. The Board also asked licensees to upload their professional development hours for the first time when in the past they were only asked to provide proof if they were being audited. Board members suggested we include the reasons why we need data through newsletter article. Haag complemented Linn on his dedication to processing renewals throughout the holiday season. His patience was superb.

Haag said that the state is requiring board members to take certain classes online and will send information as soon as it is available.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Board meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next Board meeting will be held on May 1, 2020, location to be announced.