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## Meeting Minutes August 11, 2017 Portland State Office Building Conference Room 445 Portland, Oregon

**PRESENT:** Gail Swanstrom, Audiologist, Chair  
Victoria Edwards, Speech-Language Pathologist,  
Vice-Chair  
John Evans, Speech-Language Pathologist  
Dustin Ooley, Audiologist  
Jean Verheyden, M.D., Otolaryngologist– (via  
Phone)  
Elynor McPeak, Public Member  
Anna Sanger Reed, Public Member

Erin Haag, Executive Director  
David Linn, Administrative Assistant

### **EXCUSED:**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:42 a.m. by Chair Swanstrom, after a roll call quorum was established.

### **MINUTES OF May 12th, 2017 MEETING**

Verheyden moved to approve the May 12, 2017 minutes. Edwards seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no public comments.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Swanstrom called the Executive Session to order at 9:11 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 11:37 a.m. and the Board returned to public session at 11:55 a.m. after a short break. The Board then received training on how to use the new ipads from Michelle Sigmund-Gaines, the Executive Director of the Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board. In order to achieve greater efficiency, to increase the level of information security, and to protect the environment, the Board is moving to usage of ipads for its meetings and communications. If an ipad is lost or stolen, staff can “wipe” it clean of information.

### **MOTIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The ipad training concluded at 12:35 and after a short break the Board reconvened for Board actions.

**2017-38:** Sanger Reed moved to close with no action. Swanstrom seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2017-42:** Verheyden moved to close with no action. McPeak seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2017-47:** Edwards moved to close with no action. McPeak seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2017-48:** McPeak moved to close with no action. Swanstrom seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2017-49:** McPeak moved to close with no action. Verheyden seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2017-50:** Edwards moved to close with no action. Swanstrom seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2017-51:** McPeak moved to close with no action. Edwards seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2017-53:** Swanstrom moved to close with no action. Edwards seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2017-35:** Sanger Reed moved to close with no action. Verheyden seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2017-40:** Edwards moved to close with no action. Swanstrom seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2017-37:** Verheyden moved to close with no action. McPeak seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2017-46:** McPeak moved to close with no action. Verheyden seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2017-43:** Edwards moved to close with no action. McPeak seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2017-44:** Edwards moved to close with no action. Swanstrom seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2016-03:** Sanger Reed moved to close with action. Verheyden seconded. Evans recused himself and the remaining board members voted in favor of the motion.

**2017-22:** Swanstrom moved to close with no action. Evans seconded. Verheyden recused herself and the remaining board members voted in favor of the motion.

**2016-59:** Sanger Reed moved to close with no action. Verheyden seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2017-41:** Swanstrom moved to close with action. Verheyden seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2016-29:** Evans moved to close with no action. Sanger Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2016-40:** Verheyden moved to close with no action. Swanstrom seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**2016-61:** Edwards moved to close with no action. McPeak seconded. Verheyden recused herself and the remaining board members voted in favor of the motion.

**Licenses issued from May 4, 2017 through August 3, 2017:** Swanstrom moved to ratify the issuance of these licenses. Verheyden seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Aged cases:** McPeak moved to continue investigating all cases not yet presented to the Board to provide extra time for investigation as allowed by statute. Swanstrom seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

## **CHAIR'S REPORT:**

**Delegation of authority** – Every year after installation of the new officers, the Board approves and/or affirms delegation of authority. McPeak moved to approve the annual delegation of authority. The motion was seconded by Verheyden and passed unanimously.

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

**Financial update:** The agency came in under budget and was able to purchase ipads for use by board members to enhance security and efficiency. Haag and the other “833 Group” boards are required by the legislature to report back in February as to their I.T. needs since the contractor for our group is not continuing through the next biennium. The group also is in desperate need for a new database software system because it is both outdated and dependent on the contractor (Grant Moyle – Confuzer Inc.). Our Board will also be presenting information in support of the need for a part time staff investigator.

**Telepractice Rule Advisory Committee draft rules** – Haag and the Advisory Committee used the vast majority of ASHA 's model rules with only a couple of exceptions. Haag explained the rule making timeline but stated there is no requirement to rush the process. Edwards expressed her concern that the rules currently do not mention whether an evaluation must be done in person, particularly dysphagia. Evans stated that currently at IMESD, 80% of the preschool evaluations are currently being done by Skype with an SLPA, licensed teacher or other licensed professional such as a psychologist or nurse physically in the room with the student. Verheyden pointed out the 30 hour “on-site” rule for audiologists and that the board should be clear that this rule would not change. Some members felt that if someone was solely doing telepractice, then they are practicing by correspondence. Edwards explained how they do telepractice at her work with site facilitator and assistant that is directed by the SLP and commented that perhaps there should be separate rules for different diagnoses. Edwards felt strongly that a telepractitioner must have a professional present with the patient. Sanger Reed felt the Board has a role in advocating for rural patients and their desire for using technology. The goal is to give professionals and patients flexibility in using new technological tools. Edwards favors registration so that the Board would have a way to audit telepractice services. That requirement is in the ASHA model rules but not in the current version of the proposed BSPA rules. Sanger Reed thinks there is not agreement on what “par” is. Haag mentioned a FTC ruling against the state of Delaware regarding the requirement for in-person evaluations. Individuals on the Advisory Committee stressed that telepractice is just another tool and that services must be at the same level regardless of methodology. Their theory is that if a patient is not suitable for evaluation over the internet that the practitioner would realize this using their professional judgement, and would have to conduct it via another method and is held responsible under our existing statutes and rules for standards of practice. The Board directed staff to send out the draft rules to licensees and urge them to provide their feedback and public comments for consideration by the Board at its next meeting.

**Strategic Planning Session:** The Board went through a truncated strategic planning session and Haag presented the goals and objectives that are included in the 17-19 budget materials that were presented to the legislature in February. The Board affirmed those goals and staff will put them into a more streamlined and standardized format that has been requested by the Governor.

**Board best practices** – These practices must be reviewed annually in order to meet the Key Performance Measures (KPMs) that are required by the legislature. Due to lack of time, this project was tabled to the November meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM. The next Board meeting will be held at 9 a.m., Friday, November 10, 2017. (Later this meeting was rescheduled to November 17<sup>th</sup> because the 10<sup>th</sup> is Veteran's Day).