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Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2018
Portland State Office Building
Conference Room 445
Portland, Oregon

PRESENT: Gail Swanstrom, Audiologist, Chair
Dustin Ooley, Audiologist – By Phone
Elynor McPeak, Public Member – By Phone
Anna Sanger Reed, Public Member – By Phone
Erin Haag, Executive Director
David Linn, Administrative Assistant
George Finch, Investigator – By Phone

EXCUSED: Victoria Edwards, Speech-Language Pathologist, Vice-Chair
Jean Verheyden, M.D., Otolaryngologist

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair Swanstrom, after a roll call quorum was established.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Budget Review – Director Haag gave an update on the Board’s budget starting with review of fund balances. The DOJ fees are expected to rise by at least 45%. Haag explained the “flat fee” pay arrangement with the DOJ and how it helps the agency manage the risk of a large legal bill and its effect on the agency budget. BSPA is working with the other boards within our overall Health Related Licensing Boards agency to replace our licensing databases and desktop support. This will be a large expenditure but the agency is working with the group to achieve savings. BSPA agency received additional investigation resources during the February session and Director Haag will move forward with finding a permanent, part time investigator. Haag will provide an updated budget at the June meeting.

Ooley moved to approve the draft budget as presented. McPeak seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Cases –McPeak moved to extend the Board’s open cases. Ooley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SLPA Rule Review Advisory Committee – The Board is reviewing the speech-language pathology assistant rules in OAR 335 Division 95. The Board would like the advisory committee to include a range of stakeholder participation including SLPs and SLPAs, academia, practitioners in medical and educational settings, parents and patient advocates. Swanstrom would like broad input and suggested contacting the professional associations. She suggested that the committee packet include a report of the rules in neighboring states. Sanger Reed pointed out that the newsletter article was a success in that it generated a lot of interest in the rules and she wants to hear from opposing views. She felt the process will result in the rules being better understood.

Ooley moved to authorize Chair Swanstrom to appoint the members of the SLPA Rule Review Committee. Sanger Reed seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Swanstrom called the Executive Session to order at 9:28 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 9:31 a.m. and the Board returned to public session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m. The next Board meeting will be held at 9 a.m., Friday, June 8, 2018.