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# Meeting Minutes January 31, 2025 Meeting held via Zoom

**PRESENT:** Ilia Fong, Au.D. - Chair

Amy Costanza-Smith, CCC-SLP Vice-

Chair

Kristy Cousineau, SLPA Christopher Hargunani, M.D., Amy Martin, CCC-SLP

Carrie Slough, Au.D.

Jazzmen Manning, Public Member

Erin Haag, Executive Director David Linn, Administrative

Assistant

Ryan Fahlman-Katler, Investigator Catriona McCracken, Sr. AAG

### CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chair Fong under the authority of ORS 681.400, ORS 681.420, ORS 681.430, and ORS 192.610 to ORS 192.705. Fong stated that the meeting was being held in accordance with ORS 192.630(1), and that the Public Meeting Public Session opened to the public, and a roll call quorum was called: Martin – Aye; Manning – Aye; Cousineau – Aye; Fong – Aye; Hargunani – Aye; Costanza-Smith – Aye; Slough – Aye. The meeting was held via Zoom.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Hargunani moved to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2024 meeting. Second: Costanza-Smith.

Roll call vote: Martin – Aye; Manning – Aye; Cousineau – Aye; Fong – Aye; Hargunani – Aye; Costanza-Smith – Aye; Slough – Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:**

Haag reported that revenue and expenses are on target. The 2025-27 biennium budget process has begun. Director Haag is working with other state office building tenants to reduce rental expenses. The proposed budget is only going up for typical inflationary costs.

Costanza-Smith moved to accept the Executive Director's Report. Seconded: Cousineau. Roll call vote: Martin – Aye; Manning – Aye; Cousineau – Aye; Fong – Aye; Hargunani – Aye; Costanza-Smith – Aye; Slough - Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board, prior to recessing the Public Meeting Public Session, announced that the Board would be entering into Executive Session. The Executive Session was called under the authority of ORS 192.610 to 192.705, OAR 199-040-0015 to 199-040-0060; ORS 681.440; ORS 676.165(5) and (6); ORS 696.175(1) and (8); ORS 192.660(2)(L) and (9) (for this health professional regulatory board to consider information obtained during an investigation into a licensee or applicant), and 192.660(2)(f)(records that are exempt by law from public inspection). The specific authority under which this Executive Session is being called, and purpose of this Executive Session, is as follows: ORS 681.440(4); ORS 192.660(2)(f) to consider investigatory information records that are exempt by law from public inspection; ORS 192.660(2)(f); ORS 192.355(9); and ORS 40.225 to receive written advice of counsel.

Chair Fong recessed the public session and called the Executive Session to order at 9:32 a.m.

The executive session ended and the public session was called to back into order at 10:24 a.m. by Chair Fong under the authority of ORS 681.400, ORS 681.420, ORS 681.430, and ORS 192.610 to ORS 192.705 and ORS 192.630)(1). In accordance with ORS 192.630(1), this Public Meeting Public Session was open to the public and a roll call quorum was called: Martin – present; Manning – present; Cousineau – present; Fong – present; Hargunani – present; Costanza-Smith – present; Slough – Aye.

## MOTIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**Case No. 2024-44:** Moved by Cousineau to ratify issuance of the license. Second: Slough. Roll call vote: Martin – Aye; Manning – Aye; Cousineau – Aye; Fong – Aye; Hargunani – Aye; Costanza-Smith – Aye; Slough - Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

Case No. 2024-45: Moved by Manning to ratify issuance of the license with probation. Second: Costanza-Smith.

Roll call vote: Martin – Aye; Manning – Aye; Cousineau – Aye; Fong – Aye; Hargunani – Aye; Costanza-Smith – Aye; Slough - Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

Motion to Ratify Licenses Issued Between October 24, 2024 – January 27, 2025: Moved by Fong to ratify licenses. Second: Costanza-Smith.

Roll call vote: Manning – Aye; Fong – Aye; Hargunani – Aye; Costanza-Smith – Aye; Slough - Aye.

Recused: Cousineau; Martin

Motion to approve draft policy document for public meeting grievances: Fong moved to approve the draft policy. Second: Martin Roll call vote: Martin – Aye; Manning – Aye; Cousineau – Aye; Fong – Aye; Hargunani – Aye; Costanza-Smith – Aye; Slough - Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Costanza-Smith to extend the time to investigate all open cases. The motion was seconded by Manning.

Roll call vote: Martin – Aye; Manning – Aye; Cousineau – Aye; Fong – Aye; Hargunani – Aye; Costanza-Smith – Aye; Slough - Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held on May 2, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Fong at 10:32 A.M.