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# Meeting Minutes November 1, 2024 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

Jazzmen Manning, Public Member

Erin Haag, Executive Director David Linn, Administrative

Assistant

Catriona McCracken, Sr. AAG

**EXCUSED:** Carrie Slough, Au.D.

#### CALL TO ORDER/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Amy Martin and a roll call quorum was established. The meeting was held via Zoom.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR:** Martin moved to nominate Ilia Fong for Board Chair. The motion was seconded by Hargunani and passed unanimously. Fong moved to nominate Amy Costanza-Smith for Board Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Cousineau and passed unanimously.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Hargunani moved to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Martin and passed unanimously. Manning moved to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2024 meeting. The motion was seconded by Cousineau and 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.

Director Haag attended the annual meeting of the National Council of Speech Licensing Boards (NCSB) in San Antonio. She gave an update on conversations regarding licensing compacts and reciprocal rules between states.

Director Haag is working on Board appointments to replace outgoing Board member Williams and is working with the Governor's office to get it filled.

Fong moved to accept the Executive Director's Report. The motion was seconded by Martin and the motion passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Bryan Greenaway, Audiologist, faculty at Pacific University, had a comment regarding reviewing the rules regarding online hearing aid sales. He volunteered to meet with Director Haag regarding OAA interest in reviewing the licensing statutes.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Fong called the Executive Session to order at 9:29 a.m to consider information obtained as part of investigations of licensee or applicant conduct as provided in ORS 192.660(2)(L), 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 10:45 a.m. and the Board returned to public session.

#### MOTIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**Case No. 2023-12:** Moved by Amy Costanza-Smith that the Board amend the Consent Order as presented. Second: Hargunani.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Case No. 2023-12: Moved by Amy Costanza-Smith that the Board ratified the Consent Order as amended and to be signed today by Director Haag. Second: Hargunani.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

**Case No. 2021-35:** Moved by Fong to ratify the Consent Order as presented. Second: Cousineau. Roll call vote: Martin – Aye; Manning – Aye; Cousineau – Aye; Fong – Aye; Hargunani – Aye; Costanza-Smith – Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Case No. 2019-11:** Moved by Martin to ratify the Consent Order as presented. Second: Costanza-Smith.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

**Case No. 2023-46:** Moved by Hargunani to ratify the Consent Order as presented. Second: Fong. Roll call vote: Martin – Aye; Manning – Aye; Cousineau – Aye; Fong – Aye; Hargunani – Aye; Costanza-Smith – Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Case No. 2019-43:** Moved by Cousineau to ratify the Consent Order as presented. Second: Martin.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

**Case No. 2019-11:** Moved by Martin to ratify the Consent Order as presented. Second: Fong. Roll call vote: Martin – Aye; Manning – Aye; Cousineau – Aye; Fong – Aye; Hargunani – Aye; Costanza-Smith – Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

Case No. 2024-16: Moved by Martin to ratify issuance of the license. Second: Hargunani.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Case No. 2024-17: Moved by Fong to ratify issuance of the license. Second: Manning.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

Case No. 2023-49: Moved by Cousineau to close with no action. Second: Fong.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

**Case No. 2024-20:** Moved by Martin to ratify issuance of the license. Second: Costanza-Smith. Roll call vote: Martin – Aye; Manning – Aye; Cousineau – Aye; Fong – Aye; Hargunani – Aye; Costanza-Smith – Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

Case No. 2024-23: Moved by Hargunani to ratify issuance of the license. Second: Manning. Roll call vote: Martin – Aye; Manning – Aye; Cousineau – Aye; Fong – Aye; Hargunani – Aye; Costanza-Smith – Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

Case No. 2024-31: Moved by Costanza-Smith to ratify issuance of the license. Second: Cousineau.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

**Case No. 2024-36:** Moved by Manning to ratify issuance of the license. Second: Fong. Roll call vote: Martin – Aye; Manning – Aye; Cousineau – Aye; Fong – Aye; Hargunani – Aye; Costanza-Smith – Aye.

The motion passed unanimously.

Board member Jazzmen Vega-Heath has changed her last name to Manning. Board member Cousineau asked about "assisted technologies" and if SLPA's can use them to collect data without interpretation. There were no indications from the Board that the scenario described would violate the SLPA scope of practice.

It was moved by Hargunani to extend the time to investigate all open cases. The motion was seconded by Cousineau.

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

The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**: Motion to Adjourn made by Costanza-Smith, seconded by Cousineau. Roll call vote: Martin – Aye; Manning – Aye; Cousineau – Aye; Fong – Aye; Hargunani – Aye; Costanza-Smith – Aye.

The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.