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Meeting Minutes November 5, 2021 Via Zoom Meeting

PRESENT: Dustin Ooley, Au.D., Chair
Amy Martin, CCC-SLP, Vice Chair
Carrie Slough, Au.D.
Victoria Edwards, CCC-SLP
Clarence Williams, Public Member
Christopher Hargunani, M.D. (arrived at
9:45 a.m.)

Erin Haag, Executive Director
David Linn, Administrative
Assistant
Leslea Smith, Investigator
Catriona McCracken, Sr. AAG

EXCUSED: n/a

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair Ooley after a roll call quorum was established. Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, the meeting was held via Zoom.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Edwards moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Martin and passed unanimously.

BUDGET REPORT:

Haag provided an executive summary and copy of revenue and expenses for the first quarter of the new 2021-23 biennium. Licensure renewals opened up on November 4th and will continue through January, 2022. She mentioned that in 2021, an astounding 56.6% of all new applicants are from out of state. Haag praised David Linn's efforts in working with the University of Oregon to license a foreign applicant, enabling her to complete the SLP clinical fellowship in Oregon, a goal of the Governor's office. Haag will provide updated projections at the February meeting. Ooley moved to accept the budget report. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

RULE MAKING:

- Fee increase: Haag stated that the legislature passed these fee increases last session, and this is a housekeeping bill to make the temporary rules, adopted at the August meeting, permanent. Ooley moved to pass the fee increase permanent rules. This motion was seconded by Slough and passed unanimously.

- Audiology rules: Linn described the rulemaking public hearing and said the process enabled staff to hear suggestions from the public that were incorporated in the final draft before the board. Initially the draft included a conditional license, but that was removed and we clarified all that is needed is the doctorate degree, not a post-doctoral clinical fellowship. Williams moved to approve the rules as revised. The motion was seconded by Edwards and passed unanimously.
- Haag said that staff need more time to study the possibility of reciprocal licensure. Martin moved to withdraw the proposed rule. Ooley seconded and it carried unanimously.

Ooley opened the meeting for public comments. Sarah Thorud from the Oregon Department of Education introduced herself. She works for the early language literacy program and also coordinates the SLP scholarship program.

This portion of the public session ended at 9:50 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Ooley called the Executive Session to order at 10:00 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 11:55 a.m. and the Board returned to public session at 12:10 p.m.

MOTIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

2021-03: Ooley moved to close the case with action. Martin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2021-12: Williams moved to close the case with no action. Edwards seconded and the motion carried. Martin recused.

2021-21: Martin moved to close with action. The motion was seconded by Slough and passed unanimously.

2021-27: Slough moved to close the case with action. Ooley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2021-29 Ooley moved to close the case with action. Hargunani seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2021-30: Edwards moved to close the case with action. Martin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2021-11: Edwards moved to close the case with no action. Ooley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2021-18: Martin moved to close with no action. Williams seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2021-20: Ooley moved to ratify the license. Slough seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2021-22: Slough moved to ratify the license. Martin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2021-23: Hargunani moved to ratify the license. Williams seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2021-24: Martin moved to ratify the license. Williams seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2021-25: Martin moved to approve the license if it is completed per rules. Slough seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2021-26: Martin moved to close the case with no action. Edwards seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2021-28: Ooley moved to ratify the license. Seconded by Williams the motion carried unanimously.

2021-31: Ooley moved to approve if the application is complete per rule. Slough seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2021-34: Hargunani moved to approve if the application is complete per rule. Ooley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2021-32: Slough moved to close the case with no action. Martin seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Slough moved to ratify the licenses that were issued since the last meeting. The motion was seconded by Ooley and passed unanimously.

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.