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Meeting Minutes August 6, 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
Jane Woodward, Public Member
Christopher Hargunani, M.D.

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

EXCUSED: n/a

CALL TO ORDER cat

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chair Edwards after a roll call quorum was established. Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, the meeting was held via Zoom.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:

Ooley pointed out a typo in the May 14th minutes and moved to approve the minutes as corrected. Woodward seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2021-22:

Edwards said she enjoyed being Chair during a very unusual year and felt the Board accommodated to the situation well. Edwards nominated Dustin Ooley, Audiologist, for Board Chair. Williams seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Edwards “passed the gavel” to Ooley to Chair the remainder of the meeting.

Ooley nominated Amy Martin, Speech-Language Pathologist, for Board Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Edwards and it passed unanimously.

GOVERNOR’S NEW EXECUTIVE ORDER REGARDING VACCINES:

Chair Ooley asked Haag to update the Board on the newest Executive Order from Governor Brown. Under this order, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) will create rules requiring all health professionals licensed under ORS 676 to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in order to work in Oregon. The rules were published during the Board meeting by OHA, so there were a number of unanswered questions including who will enforce the rule, where can people get tested, etc. Haag said she anticipates other work forces will also be required to obtain the vaccine.

RULE MAKING:

David Linn read the text of each rule change (attached with minutes) and then each rule was voted on by the Board. Staff clarified that temporary rules passed today would be in effect for 180 days and could then be considered for a vote as permanent rules and go through the hearing process.

The first is a temporary rule to adopt the fee increases passed by the Oregon legislature during their 2021 session. Haag explained that fees have not been increased since 2013 and the Board has a considerably larger number of licensees and caseload. Edwards moved that the temporary rule to increase fees be passed. Woodward seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The item is for permanent rulemaking on the new audiology standards already changed by ASHA so that our standards remain consistent. Martin moved that this draft be moved through the rulemaking process and considered at a public hearing for permanent rulemaking. The motion was seconded by Ooley and passed unanimously. A public hearing will be scheduled and published on the Secretary of State and Board website, and the Board will send out a news flash alerting licensees about the hearing.

There was discussion of the new audiology standards and whether there might be a need for a conditional license while an audiologist completed meeting competencies after receiving their doctorate. Direction to staff is to look into whether there is such a need.

The Board discussed the possibility of creating a new 180 day temporary reciprocal license for people who hold comparable licenses in other states and are in good standing. Sample rule language was read. Ooley moved to propose a new permanent rule for a temporary reciprocal license. The motion was seconded by Edwards and carried.

Ooley opened the meeting for public comments. There were positive comments about the vaccination requirement for those working in healthcare environments. It was clarified that the Board itself has not taken a position on vaccination but as an executive branch agencies supports the Governor's orders and initiatives. One comment related to concerns about the fee increase. Haag explained that caseloads have gone from 100 to 100 and the licensee list has almost doubled since the last increase in 2013. There was a question regarding the national licensure compact and how to address accessibility. Oregon's legislative counsel declared the national SLP/audiology compact does not comport with the Oregon Constitution. Haag pointed out that California and Washington are not part of the compact, and perhaps a reciprocal license with those states is in order to help people working or living in border towns. Dr. Anne Hogan, associate professor at Pacific University said she is happy to work with the Board on the audiology rules.

OTHER:

Haag reported that the Medford School District has withdrawn its SLPA supervision exemption application.

This portion of the public session ended at 9:55 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Ooley called the Executive Session to order at 10:19 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 1:40 p.m. and the Board returned to public session at 2:00 p.m.

MOTIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

2021-14: Edwards moved to close the case with no action. Martin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2021-17: Martin moved to ratify the license. Slough seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2021-06: Ooley moved to ratify the license. The motion was seconded by Edwards and passed unanimously.

2021-15: Slough moved to ratify the license. The motion was seconded by Ooley and passed unanimously.

2021:10 Woodward moved to close the case with no action. Martin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2019-73: Martin moved to close the case with no action. Hargunani seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2021-13: Ooley moved to ratify the license. Woodward seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2017-31: Ooley moved to close with no action. Martin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2017-32: Ooley moved to close the case with no action. Woodward seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2021-16: Slough moved to close the case with no action. Hargunani seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2017-68: Hargunani moved to close the case with no action. Woodward seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2017-75: Woodward moved to close the case with no action. Ooley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2017-63: Martin moved to close the case with no action. Ooley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2017-64 Martin moved to close the case with no action. Edwards seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2017-65: Martin moved to close with no action. Seconded by Woodward, the motion carried unanimously.

2018-44: Edwards moved to close with no action. Hargunani seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2018-45: Edwards moved to close the case with no action and the motion was seconded by Ooley. Motion carried unanimously.

2017-84: Hargunani moved to close the case with no action. Martin seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

2017-56: Ooley moved to close with no action. Martin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2017-57: Ooley moved to close with no action. Woodward seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2017-58: Ooley moved to close with no action. Slough seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2017-59: Ooley moved to close with no action. Hargunani seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2017-60: Ooley moved to close with no action. Hargunani seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2021-19: Martin moved to ratify license. Ooley seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.