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Meeting Minutes May 14, 2021 Via Zoom Meeting

PRESENT: Victoria Edwards, CCC-SLP, Chair
Dustin Ooley, Au.D., Vice-Chair
Amy Martin, CCC-SLP
Carrie Slough, Au.D.
Jane Woodward, Public Member
Erin Haag, Executive Director
David Linn, Administrative
Assistant
Leslea Smith, Investigator
Tyler Anderson, AAG

EXCUSED: Clarence Williams, Public Member
Christopher Hargunani, M.D.

CALL TO ORDER

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:

Martin moved that the February minutes be approved. The motion was seconded by Ooley and passed unanimously.

BUDGET & LEGISLATIVE REPORTS:

Haag presented the budget report. Ooley moved to approve it. The motion was seconded by Edwards and carried. ed the Governor's Balanced Budget currently working its way through the legislature. Haag updated the board on the potential move to OHA's Health Licensing Office which is included in the Budget for year two of the 2021-23 biennium.

In addition to the budget, the Board's legislative concept, suggested by OSHA, to add a speech-language pathology assistant (SLPA) position to the Board has been submitted as SB 124. The Oregon Audiology Association is not in favor of adding this position as they are concerned that it tips the board's balance away from audiology. Ooley noted that eventually the Board will add an Audiology Assistant license, and at that time the Board will recommend addition of an audiology assistant position to the Board.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT ANNUAL AUDIT:

Haag reported that the majority of the audits are incomplete, so staff is following up and may not be able to complete the audits until Fall, 2021. Haag distributed a Guide to Supervising SLPAs that she wrote for SLPs who supervise. Martin likes the guide and suggests we distribute it widely and place it on our website. Staff should also send it to administrators and ODE. She likes the user-friendly checklist.

AUDIOLOGY AND COGNITIVE SCREENING:

The Board was asked to weigh in as to whether cognitive screening by audiologists is within their scope of practice. This is a hot topic in audiology circles. The Board will research the topic further, but it appears that merely “screening” patients is within the scope per the Board’s statutes.

AUDIOLOGY PRAXIS SCORE CHANGE:

The Educational Testing System (ETS) has changed its test and passing score for audiologists. That score, 162, has been accepted by ASHA. Martin moved that the Board affirm this score. The motion was seconded by Slough and carried.

RULE MAKING:

Ooley moved that the Board form a rulemaking committee to update audiology standards. The motion was seconded by Slough and carried.

The public session ended at 9:50 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Edwards called the Executive Session to order at 10:01 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 2:10 p.m. and the Board returned to public session at 2:15 p.m.

MOTIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION

2021-02: Martin moved to close the case with no action. Edwards seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2019-10: Slough moved to close the case with no action. Martin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2019-35: Slough moved to close with no action. The motion was seconded by Edwards and passed unanimously.

2020-16: Martin moved to close the case with action. Woodward seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2020-48: Edwards moved to close the case with no action. Martin seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2021-04: Woodward moved to close the case with no action. Edwards seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2021-07: Woodward moved to ratify the license. Slough seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2018-34: Slough moved to close the case with no action. Ooley seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2020-38: Edwards moved to close the case with no action. Woodward seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2020-41: Slough moved to close the case with action. Edwards seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2017-76: Martin moved to close the case with no action. Slough seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2018-37: Slough moved to close the case with no action. Edwards seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2018-36: Slough moved to close the case with no action. Edwards seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2017-78: Martin moved to close with no action. Seconded Woodward, the motion carried unanimously.

2017-69: Woodward moved to close with no action. Edwards seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2021-08: Edwards moved to ratify the license and the motion was seconded by Martin. Motion carried unanimously.

2021-09: Martin moved to issue the license. Edwards seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

2018-49: Edwards moved to close with no action. Slough seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2018-50: Edwards moved to close with no action. Woodward seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2017-61: Woodward moved to close with no action. Edwards seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2017-62: Woodward moved to close with no action. Edwards seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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

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

ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.