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**Meeting Minutes**  
**May 5, 2023**  
**Via Zoom Meeting & In-Person**  
**Portland State Office Building Conference Room**

**PRESENT:** Amy Martin, CCC-SLP, Chair  
Carrie Slough, Au.D, Vice Chair  
Ilia Fong, Au.D.  
Amy Costanza-Smith, CCC-SLP  
Jazzmen Vega-Heath, Public Member  
Clarence Williams, Public Member

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

**EXCUSED:** Christopher Hargunani, M.D.,  
Carrie Slough, Au.D.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Martin after a roll call quorum was established. The meeting was held in a first-floor conference room at the Portland State Office Building in person and also via Zoom.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:**

Amy Costanza-Smith moved to approve the minutes as distributed. The motion was seconded by Fong and passed unanimously.

**BUDGET REPORT:**

The Legislature passed the Governor's 2023-25 budget and we expect to end the current Biennium (6/30/23) with the expenses under budget and revenue over budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Ashley Northam, CCC-SLP and Director of Chemeketa's SLPA program said she would like to work with the board to update the SLPA rules including the clinical competency checklist. She suggested that the board consider offering professional development hours to professionals who supervise students and clinical fellows as there is always a need for mentor/supervisors for trainees. She will research ideas from other states and offers to volunteer on a rulemaking committee.

Brandon Eddy congratulated the Board on its newsletter, but was disappointed to see the disciplinary actions listed and feels that it is unnecessary shaming. He said that there are no state statutes or rules requiring the board to list the actions taken and is asking the board to review that process. One idea could be to summarize the violations. Board member Williams said that transparency is important and the public wants to know. Amy Costanza-Smith said that there is a wide range of errors by licensees – from egregious to forgetting to renew their license.

### **BOARD MEMBER TRAINING:**

After a short break, the Board members returned for a training session beginning with self-introductions by each Board member. David Linn reviewed the board's statutory and rules authority, its mission, related state agencies such as the Teacher's Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC) and professional associations such as the Oregon Audiology Association (OAA), Oregon Speech-Language Hearing Association (OSHA) and the American Speech-Language and Hearing Association (ASHA). He went through the various license types and licensing process, criminal background checks, board rules around ethical and professional conduct. Erin Haag reviewed the investigatory and disciplinary processes. She also shared a timeline for the Board's compliance with Governor Kotek's Agency Expectations including the requirement for an updated strategic plan, and diversity, equity and inclusion plan, evaluation of the executive director, updating our emergency plans and succession planning. She also said that rulemaking advisory groups are needed to update the board's SLPA and SLP clinical fellowship rules.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Martin called the Executive Session to order at 2:40 p.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 2:40 p.m. and the Board returned to public session.

### **MOTIONS FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION**

2023-05: Williams moved to ratify the license. Costanza-Smith seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

2023-09: Costanza-Smith moved to ratify the license. Martin seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2023-07: Martin moved to close with action. Costanza-Smith seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2023-08: Fong moved to close with action. Williams seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

2023-10: Vega-Heath moved to close the case with action. Martin seconded and it passed unanimously.

2023-11: Costanza-Smith moved to close the case with action. The motion was seconded by Williams and passed unanimously.

Martin moved to ratify the licenses that were issued from October 31, 2022 through January 31, 2023. The motion was seconded by Williams and carried unanimously.

Williams moved to extend the time to investigate open cases. The motion was seconded by Vega-Heath and passed unanimously.

The next meetings will be held on August, 4 and November 3, 2023.

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