

**BOARD OF SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY**  
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by §92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

Date: February 3, 2012

Time: 2:30 p.m.

Place: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room  
King Kalakaua Building  
335 Merchant Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Present: Anne M. Horner, Speech Pathologist, Vice Chairperson  
Shari Goo-Yoshino, Speech Pathologist, Member  
Valery O'Brien, Member  
Joseph C. Sniezek, M.D., F.A.C.S., Member  
Candace Ito, Executive Officer  
Shari J. Wong, Deputy Attorney General ("DAG")  
Faith Nishimura, Secretary

Excused: Kristine M. Takekawa, AuD, Audiologist, Chairperson  
Jenny C. Wells, Ph.D., Member

Call to Order: There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Ms. Horner at 2:34 p.m.

Additions/Revisions to the Agenda: None.

Approval of November 4, 2011 Meeting Minutes: It was moved by Dr. Sniezek, seconded by Ms. Goo-Yoshino, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the November 4, 2011 meeting as circulated.

Announcements: Deputy Director Everett Kaneshige resigned effective February 1, 2012 to work on a proposed Maritime Wireless Network System project for the State. In the interim, Jo Ann Uchida, Chief Enforcement Office of the Regulated Industries Complaints Office is serving as Deputy Director.

The Executive Officer related that Licensing Administrator Celia Suzuki is asking all boards to review and comment on new

legislation relating to professional and vocational licensing for military service members and military spouses.

House Bill No. 2258 and Senate Bill No. 2393 proposes that all boards adopt administrative rules to accept military education, training and service toward the qualification for a license. House Bill No. 2257 and Senate Bill No. 2395 proposes that all boards adopt administrative rules that require licensing boards to allow applicants who are military spouses to demonstrate competency in lieu of work experience and to establish procedures to expedite the issuance of their licenses.

The Board reviewed the bills as well as testimony submitted by the proponent of the bill, Laurie Crehan, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Military Community and Family Policy) and Ms. Suzuki. In general, the Board was in agreement with the testimony submitted by Ms. Suzuki for both House Bill No. 2258 and House Bill No. 2257. The Board felt that these bills were not meant to apply to health care professionals because it does not appear that military education and training would be equivalent to the licensing requirements for most health care professionals. For example, it does not appear that military education and training would translate into a Master's degree from an accredited college, which is a license requirement for speech pathologists and audiologists. The education and training for speech pathologists and audiologists are similar in every state and a military service member or a spouse of a military service member should be able to meet the license requirements.

In addition, the Board believes that the current policy of the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division of processing complete applications within 15-20 business days is timely and does not impede an applicant's ability to obtain a license and start to practice.

The Board came to a consensus that these bills are not necessary because the current laws do not limit the ability for military service members or their spouses to obtain a license.

Applications:

It was moved by Dr. Sniezek, seconded by Ms. Goo-Yoshino, and unanimously carried to ratify the applications for licensure of the following individuals:

SPEECH PATHOLOGISTS

| <u>License #</u> | <u>Name</u>             |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| SP 1209          | NARIMASU, Lori A.       |
| SP 1210          | CONNOLLY, Melissa A.    |
| SP 1211          | SUZUKI, Misako          |
| SP 1212          | KOTOVA, Maria           |
| SP 1213          | SALISBURY, Joellen J.   |
| SP 1214          | MCCRUMB, Samantha A.    |
| SP 1215          | HAWKINS, Renea          |
| SP 1216          | SASAI, Michelle A.D.    |
| SP 1217          | ROZENDAAL, Constance R. |
| SP 1218          | RAO, Maya               |
| SP 1219          | CHING, Terri Ann M.     |

AUDIOLOGISTS

| <u>License #</u> | <u>Name</u>    |
|------------------|----------------|
| AUD 137          | MOORE, Rosa G. |

New Business:

a. Orientation for Board Chairpersons

This agenda item was deferred due to the excused absence of the Board Chairperson.

b. New Audiology Praxis Exam

A letter dated November 30, 2012 from Janet Deppe, ASHA Director, State Advocacy, was distributed to members. Ms. Deppe reiterated that the Educational Testing Service ("ETS") created a new Praxis exam for audiology; this new exam will be scored on a 100-200 scale, with a score of 170 required for passage; and ETS has agreed to continue the report scores on the 250-900 scale, with a passing score of 600 until January 2013. She also recommended that all boards adopt broad language that requires applicants to achieve a "passing score" on the national exam to accommodate future changes in the Praxis examination process.

The Board came to consensus that the administrative rules should be amended to replace the numeric passing score

with a passing score that is established by the testing agency.

Unfinished Business: a. Audiologist and Speech Pathologist License Requirements

At its November 4, 2011 meeting, the Board agreed that more detailed information on American Board of Audiology ("ABA") certification was needed as well as the date when ABA first issued board certification. The Board received a response dated January 30, 2012 from Torryn P. Brazell, ABA Managing Director. Members reviewed Ms. Brazell's response which included a chart that detailed key areas (including but not limited to education, clinical requirements and performance based assessment) of both ASHA and ABA as related to Audiology Board Certification.

The Executive Officer noted that ABA certification requirements for Knowledge and Skills Acquisition ("KASA") Assessment through mastery of evidence-based performance indicators are defined by Accreditation Commission for Audiology Education ("ACAE") or Council on Academic Accreditation in Audiology ("CAA"). ACAE is not accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education ("US DOE").

The Board had previously agreed to clarify in its administrative rules that applicants must graduate from a college or university that is accredited by a regional, national or specialized accrediting body recognized by the US DOE. With this proposed rule amendment, the KASA established by CAA accredited colleges (which is ABA's standard) would be in line with the KASA established by ASHA.

After further review and discussion of the information provided by Ms. Brazell, the Board came to a consensus that the ABA board certification requirements are equivalent to the requirements for the ASHA certificate of clinical competence.

The Executive Officer also noted that the ABA first issued board certification in January 1999.

Hawaii Administrative  
Rules:

The following summarizes the Board's proposed amendments to date:

- Accept the AuD degree as meeting the education, clinical observation, clinical practicum and clinical fellowship requirements of HAR section 16-100-20;
- Accept either an ABA board certification or ASHA CCC for audiology applicants to qualify for licensure;
- Amend HAR section 16-100-20(b)(2)(C) to reflect that an audiology clinical fellowship could be completed under the supervision of an individual possessing either an ABA board certification or ASHA CCC;
- Clarify that applicants must graduate from a college or university that is accredited by a regional, national or specialized accrediting body recognized by the United States Department of Education; and
- Replace the numeric passing score in HAR section 16-100-31 with "passing score" that is established by the testing agency.

Correspondence:

a. OpenLine, December 2011, Vol. 23, No. 4

The December 2011, Vol. 23, No. 4 issue of OpenLine was distributed to members for their information.

b. Cerumen Management

The Board reviewed an email inquiry from Michelle Griffin regarding whether audiologists can perform cerumen management. After discussion, the Board came to a consensus that the scope of practice of audiology is encompassing and education and training to perform cerumen management is available. Therefore, it is incumbent upon practitioners who want to perform the procedure to have the appropriate training, education, and clinical experience before offering to perform, performing the procedure or both.

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Next Meeting            Friday, May 4, 2012  
Date:                    2:30 p.m.  
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Adjournment:        There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was  
adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Taken and recorded by:

/s/ Faith Nishimura  
Faith Nishimura  
Secretary

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Candace Ito  
Candace Ito  
Executive Officer

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[X]    Minutes approved as is.  
[ ]    Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_