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**Notice Of Public Hearing**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §2 and M.G.L. c. 13, §87, that the **Board of Registration in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (Board)** within the Department of Public Health (Department), will hold a public hearing on amendments to the following regulations: 260 CMR 1.00: *Standards, Complaint and Grievance Procedure* and 260 CMR 2.00: *Application and Licensing Requirements.*

The proposed amendments update the regulations that govern the practice of speech-language pathology and audiology in the Commonwealth. The proposed amendments implement Chapter 263 of the acts of 2022, which authorize the Board to issue a provisional speech-language pathologist license and requires that applicants pay a fee to the Board.  The proposed amendments establish licensure requirements for the new license category of Speech-Language Pathologist Provisional Licensee and align the new license type with existing regulation. The proposed amendments also update language in the regulation.

The hearing will be concurrent with the Executive Office for Administration and Finance’s public hearing regarding proposed changes to 801 CMR 4.02: *Fees for Licenses, Permits and Services to be Charged by State Agencies.* The proposed changes to 801 CMR 4.02 set the application fee for the new provisional speech-language pathologist license issued by the Board.

The public hearing will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 31st 2024.** The hearing will be conducted on a **moderated conference call**. The information for the moderated conference call is:

Dial-in Telephone Number:  **800-988-9538**

Participant Passcode: **5999893**

A copy of the proposed amendments to 260 CMR 1.00: *Standards, Complaint and Grievance Procedure* and 260 CMR 2.00: *Application and Licensing Requirements* may be viewed on the Department’s website at  <http://mass.gov/dph/proposed-regulations> or requested from the Office of the General Counsel by calling 617-624-5220.

Speakers who testify at the public hearing are requested to provide a copy of their oral testimony. The Department encourages all interested parties to submit testimony electronically to the following address: Reg.Testimony@mass.gov, or by mail to William Anderson, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Public Health, 250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108. All submissions must include the sender’s full name and address. When electronically submitting comments, type “SLP/AUD Board Regulations” in the subject line and attach a Word document with your comments or type your comments in the body of your email. All submissions must include the sender’s full name and address.

The Department will post all testimony that complies with these instructions on its website. **All comments must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31st 2024**. All comments received by the Department may be released in response to a request for public records.

If you are deaf or hard of hearing, or are a person with a disability who requires accommodation, please contact Alex Gomez at least 5 days before the hearing at Tel # 617-624-5928, Fax # 617-624-5075, email Alex.Gomez@mass.gov, or TTY # 617-624-6001.

