

Board of Registration for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Meeting Held by Video Conference and Phone
DATE: September 23, 2021 TIME: 2:30 p.m.

Public Session Minutes

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (“the Board”) was held via Videoconference and Conference Call pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021: *An Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency* signed into law on June 16, 2021.

Board Members Present by video or phone:

Nicole Laffan
Sarah Young-Hong
Donna Noonan
Gabrielle Simone

Staff Present by video or phone:

Thomas Burke, Executive Director
Jenna Hentoff, Board Counsel

Board Members Not Present

Kristin Bresnahan

Meeting called to order at 2:45 pm.

Board Discussion:

- Telepractice Policy
 - The Board convened to review the temporary policy for telepractice that expired at the end of the Covid-19 state of emergency. Because of ongoing public health concerns related to the Coronavirus, the Board discussed what provisions in the temporary policy may be extended to ensure safe provision of services. Specifically, the Board discussed the possibility of waiving the in-person assessment for an extended period of ten to twelve months. The Board acknowledged that other services, such as clinical supervision, may need to be part of ongoing review. After discussion, the Board took the following action:

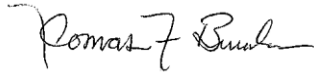
Sarah Young-Hong moved to delegate Board chair Nicole Laffan to work with Board counsel on the task of amending the temporary policy in order to produce a draft for Board review. Gabrielle Simone seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes”; Ms. Noonan – “Yes” and Dr. Simone – “Yes.”

Sarah Young-Hong moved to reschedule the October 5 Board meeting to September 28 at 9:00 a.m. Gabrielle Simone seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes”; Ms. Noonan – “Yes” and Dr. Simone – “Yes.”

Dr. Laffan let the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

At 3:05 pm, Donna Noonan moved to adjourn the meeting. Sarah Young-Hong seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes”; Ms. Noonan – “Yes” and Dr. Simone – “Yes.”

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas F. Burke
Executive Director

Documents Used in the Open Meeting:

- Agenda
- Temporary Telepractice Policy