

Board of Registration for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
Meeting Held by Video Conference and Phone
DATE: October 7, 2024 TIME: 9:30 a.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 section 40 of chapter 2 of the acts of 2023, signed into law on March 29, 2023.

Board Members Present by video or phone:

Sarah Young-Hong
Kristin Bresnahan
Donna Noonan
Nicole Laffan

Staff Present by video or phone:

Lisa Guglietta, Executive Director
Sheila York, Board Counsel
Monique Brown, Board Staff
Margaret McKenna, Board Staff
Isaac Badner, Intern

Board Members Not Present:

Gabrielle Simone

Housekeeping

- Board chair called meeting to order at 9:36 am.
- Roll Call Vote for Attendance
Dr. Laffan established a quorum via calling attendance: Dr. Laffan, Dr. Bresnahan, Ms. Young-Hong, and Ms. Noonan. All members present participated remotely via Cisco Webex.

Board Business

- Review of Public Session Agenda: October 7, 2024
Dr. Laffan moved to accept the public session agenda as written. Dr. Bresnahan seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Ms. Noonan – “Yes”; Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Dr. Simone – “Not Present”; Dr. Bresnahan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes.”
- Public session minutes for August 5, 2024
Dr. Laffan moved to accept the public session minutes as written. Ms. Young-Hong seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Ms. Noonan – “Abstain”; Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Dr. Simone – “Not Present”; Dr. Bresnahan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes.”
- Executive session minutes for August 5, 2024
Dr. Laffan moved to accept the executive session minutes as written. Dr. Bresnahan seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Ms. Noonan – “Abstain”; Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Dr. Simone – “Not Present”; Dr. Bresnahan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes.”
- Meeting Dates 2025

Dr. Laffan moved to accept the meeting dates for 2025. Dr. Bresnahan seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Ms. Noonan – “Yes”; Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Dr. Simone – “Not Present”; Dr. Bresnahan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes.”

- **Board Elections**

- **Board Chair**

- Ms. Young-Hong made a motion to nominate Dr. Laffan as the Board Chair and Ms. Noonan seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes”; Dr. Bresnahan – “Yes”; Dr. Simone – “Not Present”; Ms. Noonan – “Yes.”**

- **Board Secretary**

- Ms. Noonan made a motion to nominate Dr. Bresnahan as the Board Secretary and Ms. Young-Hong seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes”; Dr. Bresnahan – “Yes”; Dr. Simone – “Not Present”; Ms. Noonan – “Yes.”**

Board Discussion

- Update on proposed amendments to regulations for speech-language pathologist provisional licensees

Ms. York announced that the Board of Registration for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, and the Executive Office for Administration and Finance, will hold a joint public hearing on October 31, 2024 at 10:00 am pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Section 2 for the purpose of receiving testimony on the proposed amendments to issue provisional speech-language pathologist licenses. She reported that a public notice has been posted in the Boston Herald and on the Department of Public Health website. Ms. York extended an invitation to board members and members of the public to attend the hearing. She directed board staff to post a link to the notice on the Board’s website.

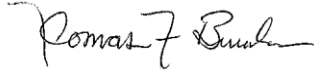
- Discuss possible speech-language pathology and audiology monitoring requirements and practice restrictions.
- Recommendations for URAMP requirements and practice restrictions for speech-language pathologists and audiologists.

The Board discussed possible monitoring requirements and return to work restrictions for speech language pathologists and audiologists in Massachusetts and reviewed sample supervisor agreements and reports from other BHPL boards. Ms. York advised the Board to consider whether to place restrictions on individuals who will supervise provisionally licensed speech-language pathologists during their clinical fellowship experience. The Board agreed that restrictions may be considered for licensed speech-language pathologists and audiologists responsible for supervising speech-language pathology and audiology assistants. The Board tabled further discussion and agreed to review at subsequent meetings.

Adjournment

At 10:09 am, Dr. Laffan moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Young-Hong seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes”; Dr. Bresnahan – “Yes”; Dr. Simone – “Not Present”; Ms. Noonan – “Yes.”

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas F. Burke
Executive Director

Documents used in the general session meeting:

- Speech Board Agenda October 7, 2024
- Speech Board Meeting Minutes August 5, 2024
- Speech Board Executive Session Minutes August 5, 2025
- Meeting Dates 2025
- Job Performance Report
- Job Supervisor Acceptance Participant
- Monitoring Instructions for Optometrists
- Nurse Employment Supervisor Report
- URAMP PowerPoint presentation