

**Board of Registration for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology**  
**Meeting Held by Video Conference and Phone**  
**DATE: August 28, 2023 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:**

Nicole Laffan  
Sarah Young-Hong  
Kristin Bresnahan  
Gabrielle Simone  
Donna Noonan

**Staff Present by video or phone:**

Thomas Burke, Executive Director  
Sheila York, Board Counsel  
Monique Brown, Board Staff  
Margaret McKenna, Board Staff

**Housekeeping**

- Meeting Called to Order at 9:35 am. Board chair called meeting to order.
- Roll Call Vote for Attendance  
Board chair, Nicole Laffan, established a quorum via calling attendance: Nicole Laffan, Kristin Bresnahan, Sarah Young-Hong, Gabrielle Simone, and Donna Noonan. All members present participated remotely via Cisco Webex.

Mr. Burke advised members of the public to disable the audio and video features unless they are addressing the Board. They were encouraged to utilize the hand function to address the Board.

**Board Business**

- **Approve Public Session Minutes**
  - Minutes of 6/5/23 meeting  
The Board reviewed the draft of the public session minutes of the June 5, 2023 Board meeting. Dr. Laffan proposed minor grammatical changes to the minutes. **Dr. Laffan moved to accept the minutes as amended. Dr. Simone seconded. The motion passed on a roll call vote: Dr. Laffan – “Yes”; Ms. Young-Hong – “Yes”; Dr. Bresnahan – “Yes”; Dr. Simone – “Yes”; Ms. Noonan – “Yes.”**
- **Report from Executive Director, Thomas Burke**  
No report.
- **Report from Board Counsel**  
Ms. York deferred her report to the discussion regarding provisional licensure.
- **Provisional Licensure**  
Ms. McKenna shared her screen to demonstrate in a test environment how Speech-Language Pathologist applicants currently apply for licensure in the new eLX eLicensing system. Ms. McKenna then showed the proposed procedure and workflow for clinical fellows to apply for provisional licensure.
  - The board discussed how this procedure would apply to a provisional licensed clinical fellow in another jurisdiction who has not received a full

license in that jurisdiction and applies for licensure in Massachusetts. The board unanimously agreed that the applicant must submit the required documents for an initial license and provide proof of ASHA certification and license verification from the jurisdiction where the applicant is provisionally licensed.

- Ms. York provided an update on the regulations for provisional licensure. She noted that the regulations will be promulgated upon receiving approval from the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health and the Secretariat of Health and Human Services and following a public hearing.

**Open session for topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting:** None

**Settlement Offers, Cases – Investigative Conference [Closed session pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §65C]:**

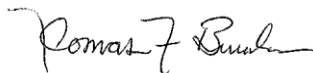
**At 10:15 a.m., Dr. Laffan made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bresnahan to adjourn the public meeting and to enter into closed session to conduct investigatory conference, pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §65C, and at the conclusion of the closed session, not return to the public meeting.**

During the closed session, the Board took the following action:

- 2022-000754-IT-ENF- Provided guidance to the prosecutor

**At 11:17 a.m., Dr. Laffan moved to adjourn the meeting. Dr. 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 – “Yes”; Ms. Noonan – “Yes.”**

Respectfully Submitted,



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Thomas F. Burke  
Executive Director

Documents used in the open meeting:

- Agenda for 8/28/23 board meeting
- Public session minutes of 6/5/2023 board meeting
- Draft Provisional Licensure Procedure and Workflow