

Board of Registration for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

1000 Washington Street 1st Floor Room 1C, Boston, MA 02118

DATE: June 1, 2018 TIME: 9:30 a.m.

Public Session Minutes

Board Members Present:

Aixa Borrero Sanchez (ABS)

Lauren Woller Mummolo (LWM)

Donna Noonan (DN)

Nicole Laffan was absent.

Staff Present:

Thomas Burke, Associate Executive Director

Lynn Read, Board Counsel

Anne Driscoll, Investigator Supervisor

Housekeeping

- Meeting Called to Order: At 9:38 a.m., ABS called meeting to order.
- Facility Briefing (fire drill instructions & location of exits and restrooms): Procedures reviewed by Thomas Burke, Associate Executive Director

Board Business

- Approve Minutes
 - Minutes of 12/1/2017 meeting. **ABS moved to accept the minutes of the 12/1/2017 meeting as written. LWM seconded. Motion passed by a majority vote with DN abstaining.**
 - Minutes of 4/6/2018 meeting. **ABS moved to accept the minutes of the 4/6/2018 meeting with small corrections. DN seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Report from Executive Director, Michael Hawley
 - Mr. Hawley was not present, thus there was no report.
- Report from Board Counsel, Lynn Read
 - Attorney Read presented a draft of a proposed policy on telepractice for speech pathologists. The Board reviewed and discussed changes to the wording of the policy as well as a change to the training requirements. Also discussed, in the context of this policy, were the requirements for reciprocal licensure and a specific request from a New Jersey licensee with a client temporarily residing in Massachusetts. **DN moved to approve the policy as amended. ABS seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

The Board directed Attorney Read and Board staff to proceed with the process to get the policy posted on the Board web site.

Discussion

- Audiologists requiring Medical Waivers for Hearing Instruments – The Board discussed a draft of a notice to be posted to the Board’s web site. The notice is entitled “Hearing Aids – Conditions of Sale” and it address the FDA announcement of its intention to discontinue enforcement of medical evaluation requirement for hearing aid users. The Board reviewed the wording of the notice and directed Attorney Read to make some changes and proceed with the process required to get the notice posted.
- Correspondence:
 - Notice of November ASHA convention in Boston: The Board reviewed a notice received from the American Speech and Hearing Association (“ASHA”) announcing a convention to be held November 15th – 17th in Boston. ABS indicated the she is scheduled to make a presentation at the convention.

Open session for topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of the meeting:
There were no unanticipated topics.

**Motion to adjourn. At 10:33, ABS moved to adjourn the meeting. LWM seconded.
Motion passed unanimously**

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Hawley
Executive Director

Documents Used in the Open Meeting:

- Agenda
- Draft of Public Meeting Minutes from December 1, 2017 meeting
- Draft of Public Meeting Minutes from April 6, 2017 meeting
- Draft of Board’s Telepractice Policy, Policy #2018-001
- Draft of Board Notice entitled “Hearing Aids – Conditions of Sale”
- Email announcing ASHA convention, dated April 19, 2018