



State of Nevada
Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensing Board

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensing Board

February 24, 2021

Members Present: Tami Brancamp, Andrea Menicucci, Timothy Hunsaker, Bonnie Lamping, Thomas Rainford

Members Absent: Nighat Abdulla, Michael Hodes

Staff Present: Jennifer Pierce, Executive Director
Stacey Whittaker, Licensing Coordinator
Henna Rasul, Sr. Deputy Attorney General, Board Counsel
Sarah Adler, Board Lobbyist
Alex Tanchek, Board Lobbyist
Kristyn Leonard, Board Lobbyist

Public Present: None

Call to Order, Confirmation of Quorum

Tami Brancamp, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:03pm. A roll call confirmed a quorum was present.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Board Work Session on Assembly Bill 155 of the of the 81st (2021) Session of the Nevada Legislature (Formerly Bill Draft 54-603)

Board Chair Tami Brancamp took this item out of order as Ms. Adler was not yet on the call to present the Legislative Update. Ms. Brancamp asked Ms. Pierce to provide a summary. Ms. Pierce updated the Board with movement on the Bill, including the assignment of a number last week (AB 155) and the progress of the Bill in the Assembly Commerce and Labor Committee earlier today.

There was additional discussion about following up to provide more information to the Committee and seeking support from Board partners to support the Bill. Ms. Pierce reported that the collaboration with NSHA is growing and passed on encouragement from NSHA for Board members to join the Association if they are not already members and indicated that she would attend NSHA meetings regularly in the future.

Legislative Update: Sarah Adler, Silver State Government Relations

Ms. Adler reported on a number of Bills currently in committee that could have potential impacts for our Board, though indicated that there are very few Board-specific bills before the Legislature this session. Of particular interest are two bills related to licensing compacts, others related to data collection, and discussions around barriers to entry into licensed fields. Ms. Adler will continue providing regular updates as the session progresses.

Consideration to Authorize Board Chair and/or One or More Board Members to Appear on Behalf of the Board in Front of the Legislature Per NRS 241.015(1)

Tami Brancamp introduced this item and asked Ms. Pierce to summarize. Ms. Pierce referenced the memorandum from the Nevada Attorney General’s Office dated February 5, 2021 that was included in the Board packet, and provides guidance stating that *“Board and Commission members may not appear **on behalf of** their Board or Commission in front of the Legislature unless specifically authorized to do so during a public meeting (NRS 241.015 (1)).”* As the Board has a Bill before the Legislature at this time and may need to take a position on other Legislative matters affecting the Board, this item is presented for the Board to consider delegating authority as described.

Ms. Pierce asked Board Counsel, DAG Henna Rasul to share further guidance, and DAG Rasul confirmed that it would be most appropriate for the Board to delegate to just one member, most likely the Chair. Ms. Rasul also explained the process by which a Board member may appear on their own behalf, as a private citizen/licensee, with guidelines on clearly disclosing their role as a Board Member, that they were not delegated authority to speak on behalf of the Board, and would be doing so as a private individual.

Andrea Menicucci made a motion to delegate authority to Tami Brancamp, Board Chair, to speak, appear, and/or negotiate on the Board’s behalf before the Legislature and on Legislative issues that impact the Board. Bonnie Lamping seconded the motion. Tami Brancamp recused herself, as the named delegate in the motion. The motion passed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Adjournment

Tami Brancamp adjourned the meeting at 5:56pm.