



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

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
Speech-Language Pathology Subcommittee

June 24, 2024

**Members Present:** Shawn Binn, Marvelee Clayworth, Christy Fleck, Nancy Kuhles, Andrea Menicucci, Branden Murphy, Katrina Nicholas, Kim Reddig, Adrienne Williams

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Pierce, Executive Director  
Stacey Whittaker, Licensing Coordinator  
Henna Rasul, Sr. Deputy Attorney General

**Public Present:** Elyse Monroy, Belz & Case; Belz & Case "Note-Taking Bot"

**Call to Order, Confirmation of Quorum**

Subcommittee Chair Kim Reddig was present in the meeting but experienced initial audio/video technical issues, so Executive Director Pierce called the meeting to order at 5:10pm and a roll call confirmed a quorum was present.

**Public Comment**

Ms. Pierce introduced the agenda item and read the following statement pursuant to AB219 (2023): "I will now review the instructions for providing public comment during this meeting: Any person wishing to make public comment may attend this meeting and provide public comment in one of the following ways: 1. Attend the meeting and provide public comment in-person at the physical location; OR 2. Attend the meeting and provide public comment virtually through the Zoom teleconference video link listed on the agenda; OR 3. Attend the meeting and provide public comment telephonically through the Zoom telephone number listed at the end of the meeting agenda with additional public comment instructions. Public comment is welcomed by the Board. Public comment will be limited to five minutes per person and comments based on viewpoint will not be restricted. A public comment time will be available prior to action items on the agenda and on any matter not specifically included on the agenda as the last item on the agenda. At the discretion of the Board Chair, additional public comment may be heard when that item is reached. The Board Chair may allow additional time to be given a speaker as time allows and in their sole discretion. Prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or a quasi-judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual, the Board may refuse to consider public comment."

Ms. Pierce then called for public comment. There was no public comment.

**Approval of the Minutes: Subcommittee Meeting of May 20, 2024**

Ms. Pierce introduced the item and asked if there were any comments or corrections noted in the minutes. Hearing none, Ms. Pierce called for a motion. Nancy Kuhles made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Shawn Binn seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Review and Recommendation to the Board on Proposed Revisions to NRS 637B and NAC 637B to Address SLP Assistant Licensing, Supervision and Telesupervision Provided by Supervising SLPs, and Related Sections**

Ms. Reddig took over chairing the meeting on this item and asked Ms. Pierce to summarize the issues for review. Ms. Pierce explained that at the May 2024 meeting the Subcommittee made recommendations on NRS draft language for the Board's review and approval of a final BDR draft in July 2024. This item shifts focus to work on

NAC sections that may be needed should the BDR effort be successful. Ms. Pierce directed the Committee to the draft document for work on this language, which she indicated could continue concurrent to the legislative session. The Subcommittee reviewed and discussed the following sections:

- I. *Definitions* to include A. "Direct Supervision"; B. "Indirect Supervision"; C. "Medically Fragile"; D. "Plan of Care", and E. "Sensory-Based Feeding". All sections were deemed acceptable as drafted with no changes recommended.
- II. *Qualifications/Education* to address reciprocity for SLPAs licensed in another state. This section was tabled for further discussion at a future meeting.
- III. *Scope of Practice/Prohibited Activities* to include A. "Speech-language pathology assistant, provisional licensee, or student: Delegation of duties by supervising speech-language pathologist; limitations.", and B. "Speech-language pathology assistant prohibited from performing certain activities; disciplinary action." All sections were deemed acceptable as drafted with no changes recommended.
- IV. *Supervision* to include A. "Authority and qualifications to act as a supervising speech-language pathologist; supervision ratios.", B. "Speech-language pathology assistant: Verification to Board of employment and supervision; notice of termination; number of primary supervisors required per employer of record.", C. "Supervision provided by supervising speech-language pathologist.", and D. "Professional responsibility." All sections were deemed acceptable as drafted with no changes recommended except #5 in "C. "Supervision provided by supervising speech-language pathologist" addressing training/orientation for new graduates in lieu of fieldwork included in education prior to licensing. This section was tabled for further discussion at a future meeting.
- V. *Continuing Education*: No recommendation made for revisions to NAC 637B.400.
- VI. *Fees for Application, License*: No recommendation made for revisions to NAC 637B.030.
- VII. *Applicability of Chapter/Alignment with NDE Assistants*: This section was tabled for further discussion at a future meeting.

Kim Reddig called for a motion. Shawn Binn made a motion to recommend the Board approve and include in the 2025 BDR all drafted changes deemed complete in the draft document Nancy Kuhles seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Discussion on Collaboration and Coordination with Stakeholders and Partners Related to SLP Assistant Licensing and Related Recommended Revisions to NRS 637B and NAC 637B**

Several members reported that most stakeholders are aware of the Board & Subcommittee's work on SLPA's. This item was tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

#### **Reports from Subcommittee Chair and Members**

There were no reports from the Subcommittee Chair or Members. The group discussed the schedule for future meetings and agreed to hold the next meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 5:00pm. It was agreed that future agenda items will include 1) Review and Recommendation for Possible Revisions to NAC 637B Regarding SLPA Licensing and Collaboration and Coordination with Stakeholders and Partners Related to SLP Assistant Licensing.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **Adjournment**

Ms. Reddig adjourned the meeting at 6:36pm.