



### MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensing Board

**Board Meeting**  
**April 7, 2026**

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| <b>Members Present:</b> | Adrienne Williams, Branden Murphy, Lynee Anderson, William Fox, Jennifer Joy-Cornejo   |
| <b>Members Absent:</b>  | Shawn Binn (excused absent), Mindy Johnson (excused absent)  |
| <b>Staff Present:</b>   | Jennifer Pierce, Executive Director<br>Stacey Whittaker, Licensing Coordinator<br>Wayne Fazzino, Board Investigator<br>Henna Rasul, Sr. Deputy Attorney General, Board Counsel                                       |
| <b>Public Present:</b>  | Sariany Peña Aguilar (Applicant), Katie Allen (NSHA/Licensee), Kayla Franklin (Licensee), Jessica Horn (Applicant), Karen Klopfer (NSHA/Licensee), Adalice Gonzalez Melendez (Licensee), Shawna Ross (NSHA/Licensee) |

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#### **Call to Order, Confirmation of Quorum**

Chair Adrienne Williams called the meeting to order at 4:30pm. A roll call confirmed a quorum was present.

#### **Public Comment**

Chair Williams introduced the agenda item and read the instructions for a member of the general public to call in to the meeting and provide public comment, pursuant to NRS 241.023(5). Chair Williams then called for public comment. Executive Director Pierce shared that the Board office received notice of Mindy Johnson's appointment to the vacant SLP seat, but due to the late notice, Ms. Johnson was unable to attend this meeting. There was no additional public comment.

#### **Approval of the Minutes: Board Meeting and Public Hearing of February 23, 2026**

Chair Williams asked if there were any corrections or revisions to the minutes of the meeting and public hearing of February 23, 2026 and hearing none, made a motion to approve the minutes as written. William Fox seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Jennifer Joy-Cornejo abstained from voting as she was not present in the February meeting.

#### **Disciplinary/Administrative Matters and Applications for Board Review**

4.a. Case #UP26-01 Sariany Peña Aguilar: Administrative Unlicensed Practice Case and Application for SLPA License for Board review, submitted February 10, 2026. Chair Williams introduced the agenda item and summarized that Ms. Peña Aguilar's application was before the Board for review based on unlicensed SLP assistant practice prior to her February 10, 2026 application for licensure as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA). Chair Williams asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board members and hearing none, invited Ms. Peña Aguilar to make a statement. Ms. Peña Aguilar read the following from a prepared statement: "Good afternoon, Board members, and thank you for your time. My name is Sariany Peña Aguilar. I graduated in 2024 with a bachelor's degree in Speech

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and Language Sciences, and I am currently enrolled in a master's degree program in Speech and Language Pathology. I would like to thank the Board for the opportunity to speak today. When I obtained my speech and language pathologist endorsement through the Nevada Department of Education in August 2025, I understood that it authorized me to provide services to students within the public school setting. I met the academic and practicum requirements outlined in NAC 391.370, and I relied on the guidance provided through the Department of Education and the school district. At no time did I intend to practice outside the law or outside my competence. All services were delivered exclusively within the public school districts, provided under the supervision of a licensed Nevada speech and language pathologist, limited to implementation of services within established IEPs, within my education, training, and competence, never provided in private practice and never delivered independently. I did not evaluate or diagnose students independently. I did not provide services outside the school setting. I did not advertise or represent myself as a licensed SLP. When I listed independent contractor on my application, I understood the term only in reference to IRS tax classification as I live outside of Nevada. I did not understand it to mean independent clinical practice, scheduling, or engaging. I relied on my employer's structure, and I believed that I was operating within the scope of my DOE endorsement. As soon as the Board clarified its interpretation of the law, I fully cooperated and complied with all instructions. I respect the authority of this Board and the purpose of licensure laws in protecting the public. No students were harmed, and I remain committed to ethical service delivery at all times. I'm early in my professional career and currently pursuing my master's degree because I am committed to growing in this field responsibly and ethically. This experience has strengthened my understanding of the importance of regulatory clarity. I've continued to ensure full compliance with all Board requirements moving forward, and I do sincerely apologize for any confusion the situation may have caused. It was never my intention to violate any statute or regulation. And thank you for your time. If you have any questions, I'm more than glad to answer." Members discussed the matter and came to consensus that approval of the application without conditions placed on the license would be appropriate. Chair Williams called for a motion. Jennifer Joy-Cornejo made a motion to approve the license application without conditions and assess an administrative fine of \$300 for unlicensed practice. Lynee Anderson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4.b. Case #UP26-02 Jessica Horn: Administrative Unlicensed Practice Case and License Reinstatement Application, submitted March 5, 2026. Chair Williams introduced the agenda item and summarized that the matter was related to Ms. Horn's application for reinstatement following approximately 1.5 months of unlicensed practice after her license expired in January 2026. Chair Williams called for questions or comments from the members, and hearing none, invited Ms. Horn to make a statement to the Board. Ms. Horn apologized for the lapse in licensure and referenced the letter she submitted, included in the meeting packet, explaining that when she updated her business information with the Board she forgot to also update her new email address. There was additional discussion on preventing future lapses and how reminders are sent from the Board office. Chair Williams called for a motion and William Fox made a motion to approve the license reinstatement application and assess an administrative fine of \$200 for unlicensed practice. Jennifer Joy-Cornejo seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4.c. Consent Decree Recommended for Approval: Case #S25-04, Sierra Sedin, SLP, License # SP-1268. Chair Williams introduced the matter, which alleged unprofessional conduct and conduct that is harmful to public health and safety. After investigation and review of all documentation received in regard to the above referenced complaint, it was determined that there was sufficient evidence to file a formal complaint for hearing before the Board and the facts set forth in the accusations were sufficient to establish a violation of Chapter 637B of the Nevada Revised Statutes or the Nevada Administrative Code. The practitioner opted to settle the matter by entering into a Consent Decree which is presented to the Board for review and recommended for approval. Ms. Sedin and her counsel were not present in the

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meeting. Senior Deputy Attorney General Henna Rasul directed the Board to review the Consent Decree emailed to all members by Ms. Pierce at the beginning of the meeting. Board members asked for confirmation of the proposed discipline and consequences for non-compliance. Chair Williams called for a motion and Branden Murphy made a motion to accept the Consent Decree as presented. William Fox seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

#### **Update on Workplan and Changes Related to NRS 637B in AB177, NAC 637B in LCB File R026-25, and ASLP Interstate Compact (AB230)**

Chair Williams introduced the matter, and Ms. Pierce was asked to summarize the update on work completed and still outstanding since the January 2026 Board meeting. Ms. Pierce reported that the refund of renewal/endorsement fees per Board approval in January 2026 was completed by February 23, 2026. There were a few credit card refunds that could not be processed and subsequently required check refunds, but all are now satisfied. Following the Board's readoption of the proposed regulations in LCB File R026-25 at the February 23, 2026 meeting & public hearing, the regulations are scheduled on the agenda of the April 28, 2026 Legislative Commission meeting for review. If approved, Board staff will email licensees and release guidance documents. The revised online new/renewal applications are on hold until the readopted regulations are approved and will go live once the regulations are approved/filed. These also include changes to licensee login pages to require usernames and passwords going forward. ASLP Interstate Compact implementation is still on hold pending approval from the FBI to conduct background checks. This is reportedly a lengthy process and in the meantime, staff are developing testing and implementation procedures. The ASLP-IC is currently issuing privileges in Louisiana, Ohio and West Virginia, and working to fill its vacant Executive Director position. No action was taken on the matter.

#### **Consideration to Approve Revision to Board Policy 03 Dispensing Examinations & Scores to Include Examination Proctor Appointments**

This matter was brought to the Board for consideration as the Board has historically used current and former Board members to serve as practical dispensing exam proctors, but recently had an inquiry from a licensee to serve as a proctor. As there are currently only a handful of available proctors, a revision to Board Policy 03 was drafted to address proctor appointment. There was lengthy discussion on the matter with consensus to continue the conversation at a later date. William Fox made a motion to table the matter, seconded by Lynee Anderson, and passed unanimously.

#### **Executive Director's Report**

Chair Williams introduced the matter and asked Ms. Pierce to summarize the report. Ms. Pierce reported the Board saw a net increase of 27 licenses between January 1, 2026 and March 31, 2026. Of these, 18 were SLP Assistants, and this data also includes the conversion of AUD-D licenses to AUD licenses on 1/1/2026, which do not affect overall totals. These totals are higher than prior Q3 totals, which typically see an increase in licenses that totals 1% or less. Ms. Pierce directed the Board to the FY26 Q3 financial summary supplement sent out earlier in the week, which was not available at the time of the agenda posting due to the quarter having just ended. FY26 Q3 income ended at budget (75.47%) while expenses were slightly lower than budget at 69.07%. Net income totaled -\$1,001.35, deferred revenue totaled \$93,874.04, and total equity totaled \$96,911.01. While some income and expenses were higher or lower than budgeted, most appear on track. As reported in the January 2026 meeting, legal fees, bank service charges, and insurance are expected to possibly exceed budget for the fiscal year, and staff will monitor these and report with proposed budget adjustments as needed going forward. Ms. Pierce shared that the Office of Boards & Commissions is still working on draft regulations and held a second Public Workshop March 31, 2026 with quite a bit of public comment received from Boards.

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As reported during the public comment period, Mindy Johnson, SLP in Clark County has been appointed to the vacant SLP seat, resulting in a full Board. Regarding complaints and administrative cases, Ms. Pierce shared a correction to the January 2026 meeting report, reporting there were two open complaint cases following the October 2025 meeting, and four new complaints received prior to the January 2026 meeting. Two cases were screened out, totaling four open cases in January 2026. Three new complaints and one patient inquiry were received to date, totaling seven cases and one inquiry. The inquiry case was screened out, and one case was approved as a Consent Decree in this meeting, leaving six open complaint cases. Two reports of unlicensed practice were received following the January 2026 meeting and both were approved for license issuance/reinstatement with administrative fines assessed earlier in this meeting, leaving no open unlicensed practice cases. There were no questions or comments, and no action was taken on these matters.

#### **Review & Approval of FY27 Board Budget**

The proposed FY27 budget was presented for the Board's review and approval. As reported to the Board in the meeting packet, revenue was estimated conservatively as FY26 year-end totals are not yet known. Data through FY26 Q3 indicates that FY26 is on track for more licenses issued and renewed than FY25, though license expiration totals are also higher. The draft budget projects an approximate \$7,000 deficit but also includes increases to several line items, and it is hoped that FY26 totals will forecast more revenue for FY27. Chair Williams asked if there were any questions or comments and hearing none, called for a motion. William Fox made a motion to approve the FY27 budget as proposed, seconded by Braden Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Report from Legal Counsel**

Henna Rasul, Board Counsel had no information to report on legal matters.

#### **Reports from Board Chair and Board Members**

There were no reports from the Board Chair or members. The next meeting date, proposed for Wednesday, July 22, 2026 at 4:30pm, was confirmed to be hosted in Reno with teleconference via Zoom.

#### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **Adjournment**

Chair Williams adjourned the meeting at 5:24pm.