

FLORIDA | Board of Speech-Language
Pathology and Audiology

Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Teleconference

Meet Me #: [\(888\) 670-3525](tel:(888)670-3525)

Participation Code: 7251145521



Peter Johnson, PhD

Frederick Rahe, Au.D.

Kama Monroe
Executive Director

The Meeting was called to order by Board vice-chair, Frederick Rahe, at approximately 8:05 a.m. Those present for all or part of the meeting included the following:

General Board Business started at: 8:05 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Frederick Rahe, Au.D., Vice-Chair
Sergio Guerreiro, Au.D.
K. Paul Boyev, M.D.
Kristen Rutland

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

Kama Monroe, Executive Director
Rachel Clark, Esq., Board Counsel
Rachelle Munson, Esq., Board Counsel
Carol Taylor, Program Administrator
Amber Greene, Regulatory Supervisor

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Peter Johnson, Chair (absence excused)

COURT REPORTER:

For the Record
850-222-5491

OTHERS PRESENT

Morella Diquez, Applicant

Please note that the meeting minutes reflect the actual order that agenda items were discussed during the meeting and may differ from the agenda outline.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. November 29, 2016 - Conference Call

Minutes of the November 29, 2016 Conference Call were reviewed.

Motion: by Sergio Guerreiro, seconded by Kristen Rutland to accept meeting minutes.

Motion carried.

PROSECUTION SERVICES REPORT

2. The Prosecution Services Unit (PSU) was not represented. Kama Monroe noted the report was provided for informational purposes. Ms. Monroe stated PSU usually requests permission to continue prosecuting the cases over a year old.

Motion: by Kristen Rutland, seconded by Paul Boyev to allow PSU to continue prosecuting the cases older than one year. Motion carried.

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST ASSISTANT LICENSURE APPLICATION REVIEW

3. **Ivon Beatriz Cambor**

Applicant was not present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

This item was continued to allow applicant time to obtain additional information. Applicant previously waived 90 day requirement.

4. Morella Diquez

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

After discussion the Board determined that the applicant did not meet the education requirements. Board offered applicant the option to withdraw her application or have board deny. Applicant asked for an explanation and Board counsel provided clarification regarding the options and their repercussions. Applicant verbally requested to withdraw her application to allow time for her to take additional classes.

5. RATIFICATION OF LICENSES ISSUED 9/30/2016-12/30/2016

(a). 3001 - Speech-Language Pathologist

Motion: by Kristen Rutland, seconded by Paul Boyev to approve ratification of issued licenses. Motion carried.

(b) 3002 - Audiologist

Motion: by Sergio Guerreiro, seconded by Paul Boyev to approve ratification of issued licenses. Motion carried.

(c) 3003 – Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

Motion: by Paul Boyev, seconded by Sergio Guerreiro to approve ratification of issued licenses. Motion carried.

(d) 3004 – Audiologist Assistant

Motion: by Paul Boyev, seconded by Sergio Guerreiro to approve ratification of issued licenses. Motion carried.

(e) 3005 – Provisional Speech-Language Pathologist

Motion: by Paul Boyev, seconded by Sergio Guerreiro to approve ratification of issued licenses. Motion carried.

(f) 3006 – Provisional Audiologist

No items to ratify.

6. FDA GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

This item was placed on the agenda for informational purposes. Dr. Rahe stated that he had received inquiries regarding this matter and asked for discussion. He inquired whether this would pre-empt Florida law. Board counsel stated that generally federal law supercedes state law unless state law is more restrictive. Further discussion included inquiry as to whether information exists that can be

showed to professional associations so that the Board can provide guidance. There was concern that in order to provide licensees with clarity the board members needed clarity. Board counsel stated that individuals can petition a declaratory statement if they desire. It was noted that board members can provide personal opinions regarding this matter but can not provide opinions in their capacity as a board member. After much discussion it was the consensus that The best response is to keep with Florida law.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This item was continued until the April board meeting.

BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

8. December 2016 Rules Report

Informational item.

9. January 2017 Rules Report

Informational item.

Board counsel presented agenda items 8 & 9 as informational items.

REPORTS

Board Chair Report- Dr. Johnson was not present-No Report

Executive Director Report-Kama Monroe

10. Introduction of New Program Operations Administrator

Ms. Monroe introduced Carol Taylor as the new Program Operations Administrator for the Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. Ms. Taylor expressed she was looking forward to working with the Board.

11. Delegated Authority to Accept Service

Motion: by Sergio Guerreiro, seconded by Kristen Rutland to delegate authority to Ms. Monroe to accept service on behalf of the board (not individual board members).
Motion carried.

12. Anti-Trust update

Ms. Monroe informed the Board that there were eight informational items for their review. She informed the Board that their attorney costs will be covered. She further noted items seven and eight might be of particular interest as it relates to a comment to the Delaware Board of Speech/Language Pathologists, Audiologist and Hearing Aid Dispensers regarding telehealth.

13. 2017 Meeting dates

Ms. Monroe reviewed the remaining board dates for 2017.

14. 2018 Meeting dates

Ms. Monroe presented the proposed board dates for 2018. The dates were approved.

Budget Liaison Report – Sergio Guerreiro, AuD - no report

Board Liaison Reports -

Application – Dr. Rahe (AuD)- & Dr. Johnson-(SLP) – no report

Continuing Education – Dr. Guerreiro – no report

Laws and Rules - Vacant

Unlicensed Activity – Dr. Rahe (AuD)- & Dr. Johnson-(SLP) – no report

Healthy Weight – Ms. Rutland

Old Business- None

New Business

Board counsel introduced Assistant Attorney General Rachelle Munson, noting that Ms. Munson will be stepping in as board counsel for this profession. Ms. Clark noted that she will be in attendance at the April board meeting; however, Ms. Munson will conduct the meeting.

Ms. Munson expressed her eagerness to work with the board.

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

Next Meeting: April 19, 2017, Kissimmee