

FLORIDA | Board of Speech-Language
Pathology and Audiology

Meeting Minutes

**January 24, 2018
9:00 a.m.**

**Radisson Resort Hotel Celebration
2900 Parkway Boulevard
Kissimmee, FL
(407) 390-7032**



Peter Johnson, PhD
Chair

Frederick Rahe, Au.D.
Vice-Chair

Kama Monroe
Executive Director

January 24, 2018, Board Meeting

The Meeting was called to order by Board chair, Peter Johnson at 9:00 a.m.

Present for all or part of the meeting, include:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Peter Johnson, Au.D., Chair
Frederick Rahe, Au.D., Vice-Chair
Sergio Guerreiro, Au.D.
Kristen Rutland, SLP
Sherry Jordan, Ed.S.

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

Kama Monroe, Executive Director
Carol Taylor, Program Administrator

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Paul Boyev, M.D.

BOARD COUNSEL:

Rachelle Munson, Board counsel

COURT REPORTER:

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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. October 18, 2017, Teleconference Meeting

Minutes of the October 18, 2017, teleconference Board Meeting were reviewed.

Motion: by Frederick Rahe, seconded by Sergio Guerreiro, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Prosecution Services Report – Rose Garrison, Esq.

2. The Prosecution Services Report were placed on the agenda for the board's information. Also included was a motion to allow the continued prosecution of cases a year and older.

Motion: by Frederick Rahe, seconded by Sergio Guerreiro, to allow Prosecution Services to continue prosecuting cases over a year old. Motion carried.

Applicants

Provisional Speech-Language Pathologist Application Review

3. Claudia Starosta: File number 8515

Applicant was present and sworn in. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

Action Taken: After discussion, Sergio Guerreiro, moved to approve application, Kristen Rutland seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Audiologist Application Review

4. Kjersten Branscome: File number 2289

Applicant was present and sworn in. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

Frederick Rahe noted that he and the applicant had been in the same continuing education course. He informed the board that he was capable of making a determination on the application without bias.

Action Taken: After discussion, Frederick Rahe, moved to accept the application, Sergio Guerreiro seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Applicants for Withdrawal of Application

5. Vivian Maria Diaz Alvarez File number 8622

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

Action Taken: After discussion, Frederick Rahe moved to allow the withdrawal of the application, Sergio Guerreiro seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Assistant Application Review

6. Carmen Digna Diaz Dorado: File number 4140

This matter was withdrawn from the agenda.

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Application Review (AHCA exemption)

7. Wendy Beth Coleman: File number 7259

Applicant was present and sworn in. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

Action Taken: After discussion, Kristen Rutland, moved to accept the application for exemption, Frederick Rahe seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ratification of Licenses Issued 10/5/2017-12/31/2017

- 8.(a) 3001 - Speech-Language Pathologist

Motion: by Sergio Guerreiro, seconded by Frederick Rahe, to approve ratification of licenses issued between 10/5/2017 and 12/31/2017. Motion carried.

- (b) 3002 – Audiologist

Motion: by Sergio Guerreiro, seconded by Frederick Rahe, to approve ratification of licenses issued between 10/5/2017 and 12/31/2017. Motion carried.

- (c) 3003 - Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

Motion: by Sergio Guerreiro, seconded by Kristen Rutland to approve ratification of licenses issued between 10/5/2017 and 12/31/2017. Motion carried.

- (d) 3004 – Audiologist Assistant

Motion: by Sergio Guerreiro, seconded by Kristen Rutland, to approve ratification of licenses issued between 10/5/2017 and 12/31/2017. Motion carried.

- (e) 3005 - Provisional Speech-Language Pathologist

Motion: by Sergio Guerreiro, seconded by Kristen Rutland, to approve ratification of licenses issued between 10/5/2017 and 12/31/2017. Motion carried.

- (f) 3006 – Provisional Audiologist

Motion: by Sergio Guerreiro, seconded by Frederick Rahe, to approve ratification of licenses issued between 10/5/2017 and 12/31/2017. Motion carried.

Board counsel informed the board that they are in fact approving the licenses beginning with the first

license number on the report through the ending license number and recommended the board identify that they make their motions accordingly. Board counsel clarified that the motion on the floor was regarding the license numbers included in the material today as listed.

Motion by Kristen Rutland, seconded by Sergio Guerreiro, to approve and accept the licenses as noted.

(g) 3007- Course Provider's Approved

This item was placed on the agenda for the board's information and not for ratification. After discussion the board requested this item be placed under the CE liaison report on future agendas.

(h) 3008- Continuing Education Courses Approved

This item was placed on the agenda for the board's information and not for ratification. After discussion the board requested this item be placed under the CE liaison report section on future agendas.

At this point, Dr. Guerreiro requested permission to provide the continuing education liaison report. Dr. Guerreiro noted that the course provider's and continuing education courses placed on the agenda were approved during this timeframe. He then provided input regarding the approval process and identified difficulties he has encountered.

9. RULES REPORT

October 2017 Rules report
November 2017 Rules report
December 2017 Rules report
January 2018 Rules report

The reports were being provided for informational purposes. The most recent report reflected the rules opened for development and provided history of the action.

Reports:

Board Chair Report – Dr. Johnson

Dr. Johnson had no report; however, at this time, he provided the budget liaison report. The chair reviewed the revenues, expenditures and ending cash balance, from the cash balance report, for the three months ending September 2017.

Board Counsel Report:

10. Rule 64B20-3, F.A.C

The board was reminded that the rule was opened for development to correct a discrepancy between the statute and the rule. The only correction required to be made was the delinquency fee rule in order to bring it in compliance with the statute; however, changes to the entire rule was under consideration by the board. Draft proposed changes were provided for the fee rule, as well as, for the entire rule. The executive director and Dr. Rahe will continue working on changes and an updated proposed draft will be included on the next agenda.

11. MEMO: Rule Certification Form for Minor Violations (INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY)

Materials for this item were included on the agenda for informational purposes only. As of July 1, 2017, the board is required to identify any rules that would qualify as a minor violation for every rulemaking action made. A form has been created for use to comply with the new requirement and was provided in the board materials.

12. Rule 64B20-5.005; Provisional Renewal Application

A technical issue to Rule 64B20-5.005 was identified. The rule was presented to the board to obtain board approval to move forward with rule development in the event the error cannot be corrected as a technical issue.

Action Taken: Frederick Rahe moved to open the rule for development, seconded by Sergio Guerreiro. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Director Report – Kama Monroe

13. Proposed Profession Specific Applications

The current draft of the standardized application being developed by the Department covering basic questions for every profession was provided for informational purposes. The standardized application will allow the board to focus on those items that are unique to Speech, Pathology, and Audiology and will result in a shorter application. Also included on the agenda were copies of current forms SPA 1, SPA 2 and SPA 3 highlighting those items that are covered by the standardized applications. The executive director and Dr. Guerreiro will continue to work on the forms and drafts will be on the April agenda.

Action Taken: Frederick Rahe moved to open the applications and related rules for development, seconded by Sergio Guerreiro. Motion passed unanimously.

14. Delegation of Authority

Action taken: Kristen Rutland moved to approve the delegation of authority as presented, seconded by Sergio Guerreiro. Motion passed unanimously.

15. Renewal Statistical Report

This item was placed on the agenda for informational purposes.

Board Liaison Reports -

16. Budget Liaison Report- Dr. Johnson provided the report during the Board Chair report.

17. Application – Dr. Rahe (AuD) & Dr. Johnson (SLP): No report at this time.

18. Continuing Education – Dr. Guerreiro provided the report during Tab 8.

19. Laws and Rules – Vacant

20. Unlicensed Activity – Dr. Rahe (AuD) & Dr. Johnson (SLP): No report at this time.

21. Healthy Weight – Ms. Rutland: No report at this time; but, attendees were encouraged to pick up informational materials and items from the display table.

Dr. Frederick Rahe volunteered to fill the vacant Laws and Rules liaison position.

22. GENERAL DISCUSSION

OLD BUSINESS

23. Discussion Regarding Proposed Changes to Rules 64B20-4.003 and 64B20-4.004

This matter was initially heard at the July 26, 2017, board meeting. Charlene Westman provided a summary of the previous discussion. Following the July meeting, the draft proposed rule changes submitted by FLASHA were revised and new drafts provided to the board for consideration. The new drafts were included in the board materials. Debra Campbell provided information regarding the revised proposed rule changes. Discussion ensued. Dr. Rahe will develop draft Language for both rules and then a special teleconference meeting, specifically for this issue, will be scheduled.

After discussion:

Action Taken: Motion by Sergio Guerreiro to open Rules 64B20-4.003 and 64B20-4.004 for development, seconded by Frederick Rahe. A special meeting will be held to approve draft language. Motion passed unanimously.

24. Proposed Informational Handout

This item was placed on the agenda for informational purposes. The board expressed its approval of the handout and a desire that use of the handout be implemented.

NEW BUSINESS

25. Probable Cause Panel Chair Virginia Walker Resignation

The board was informed that Virginia Walker who served on the Probable Cause Panel is no longer licensed. Dr. Walker's resignation leaves the board with a vacant past board member probable cause panel position. The board was informed that a new member is needed. Dr. Johnson agreed to work with Ms. Taylor in this matter. The board further noted that they wish to recognize Dr. Walker for her many years of service at the April board meeting.

26 . Discussion Regarding Rules cited by Board Staff: Rules 64B20-6.001, 64B20-6.002, and 64B20-6.002(1)(h), F.A.C.

Issues experienced during the recent licensure renewal were presented to the board as it related to Rules 64B20-6.001, 64B20-6.002, and 64B20-6.002(1)(h), F.A.C. The issues were presented to the board for informational purposes so that the board could review the rules to determine whether revisions are needed or the rules are sufficient as is.

Action taken: Board counsel will provide proposed language at the April meeting.

27. Election of Officers

Motion by Kristen Rutland, seconded by Frederick Rahe, to nominate and approve Peter Johnson as chair. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Peter Johnson, seconded by Kristen Rutland, to nominate and approve Frederick Rahe as vice-chair. Motion passed unanimously.

Liaisons will remain the same with the addition of Frederick Rahe as the Laws and Rules liaison.

28. ADJOURN

Next Meeting: Special teleconference meeting TBD

Next Meeting: April 17, 2018
Tallahassee