

# FLORIDA | Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

**Teleconference Minutes**

**January 22, 2021  
9:00 a.m.**

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**Frederick Rahe, Au.D  
Chair**

**Peter Johnson, PhD  
Vice-Chair**

**Kama Monroe  
Executive Director**

The Meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Frederick Rahe at 9:14 a.m.

Present for all or part of the meeting, include:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:**

Kama Monroe, Executive Director  
Carol Taylor, Program Administrator  
Christa Peace, Regulatory Specialist III

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Paul Boyev, M.D.

**BOARD COUNSEL:**

Tom Jones, Board counsel

**COURT REPORTER:**

For the Record Reporting  
(850) 222-5491  
Jessica Renchen

**PROSECUTION SERVICES UNIT**

Christina Shideler, Esq.

**TRANSLATOR:**

Link Translations  
Ms. Saori Yamashita, Spanish  
Flavia Renata Lima, Portuguese

*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**

### **TAB 1: October 23, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes**

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Ms. Rutland, to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

### **TAB 2: PROSECUTION SERVICES REPORT, Christina A. Shideler, Esq.**

Prosecuting Services attorney Christina Shideler introduced herself to the board. Ms. Shideler provided a summary of the Prosecution Services Report. He then requested the board allow the Department to continue to prosecute all year or older cases.

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to allow PSU to continue prosecuting cases a year and older. Motion carried.

## **APPLICANTS**

### **PROVISIONAL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY APPLICATION REVIEW**

#### **TAB 5: Hyeda Mathias, File #10217**

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel. The board provided a Portuguese translator for applicant.

**Action Taken:** After discussion, Dr. Guerriero, moved to approve the application, Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Ms. Lima, the Portuguese translator was released at this time.

### **SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT APPLICATION REVIEW**

#### **TAB 3: Graciela De la Caridad Gonzalez, File #3885**

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel. The board provided a Spanish translator for applicant.

**Action Taken:** After discussion, Applicant withdrew application. No board action taken.

### **PROVISIONAL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY APPLICATION REVIEW**

#### **TAB 4: Maigre Figueirgas, File #9941**

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel. The board provided a Spanish translator for applicant.

**Action Taken:** After discussion, Dr. Guerriero moved to approve the license, Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **TAB 6: Danaris Rivera, File #10254**

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel. The board provided a Spanish translator for applicant.

After discussion, this matter was placed on hold until later in the meeting.

Upon returning to the matter:

Applicant waived the ninety-day statutory requirement on the record.

**Action Taken:** After discussion, Dr. Johnson, to grant the applicant six months to provide the additional transcripts to show that she has the required number of graduate level courses, Ms. Rutland seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **TAB 7: RATIFICATION OF LICENSURE**

- a. 3001 - Speech-Language Pathologist 9.26.2020 through 12.17.2020  
Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to ratify the license numbers 18394-18610 issued between 9.26.2020 and 12.17.2020 totaling 216 licenses. Motion carried.
- b. 3002 - Audiologist 9.26.2020 through 12.17.2020  
Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to ratify license numbers 2417-2424 issued between 9.26.2020 and 12.17.2020 totaling 8 licenses. Motion carried.
- c. 3003 - Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 9.26.2020 through 12.17.2020  
Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to ratify license numbers 4580-4666 issued between 9.26.2020 and 12.17.2020 totaling 87 licenses. Motion carried.
- d. 3004 - Audiology Assistant 9.26.2020 through 12.17.2020  
Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to ratify license numbers 396-404 issued between 9.26.2020 through 12.17.2020 totaling 9 licenses. Motion carried.
- e. 3005 - Provisional Speech-Language Pathologist 9.26.2020 through 12.17.2020  
Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to ratify license numbers 9861-9918 issued between 9.26.2020 and 12.17.2020 totaling 58 licenses. Motion carried.

## **TAB 8: RULE DISCUSSION**

After discussion, wherein it was noted that the previous proposed change of name to “Every Three Months” from “Every One-Third” for Rule 64B20-2.004, in paragraph three, could create some issues: Motion: by Ms. Rutland; seconded by Dr. Johnson to eliminate proposed change of name for Rule 64B20-2.004, F.A.C. Motion carried.

Motion: by Dr. Rahe, seconded by Ms. Rutland, to change name on form DH-SPA-2B, as well. Motion carried.

The following motions were taken simultaneously, and all carried unanimously.

Motion: by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Guerriero that modification of the rule will not make an adverse impact on small business. Motion carried.

Motion: by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Guerriero, that proposed changes would not directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs to any entity including government in excess of \$200,000.00 in aggregate in Florida within one year after the implementation of the rule. No SERC is needed and no legislative ratification is needed. Motion carried.

Motion: by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Guerriero to find that a violation of the rule or any part of this rule would not be considered a minor violation. Motion carried.

Motion: by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Guerriero that no sunset provision is needed to protect the health and safety of the citizens of the state of Florida. Motion carried.

## **REPORTS**

### **BOARD COUNSEL REPORT, Ronald Jones, Esq.**

#### **TAB 9: RULES REPORT**

Board counsel reviewed the most recent report for the members.

## **TAB 10: BOARD CHAIR REPORT-Dr. Frederick Rahe**

There was no Board Chair report.

## **TAB 11: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT-Kama Monroe, J.D., Executive Director**

Discussion ensued regarding board meeting attendance by board members. Executive Director, Kama Monroe, provided the rule language regarding excused absences.

She further noted that it has been found that one board member has now missed five of the last seven meetings, including four meetings consecutively; therefore, attending 28.5% of the meetings in a twelve-month period.

Board counsel informed the board that this was under purview of the governor's office.

After discussion:

Motion: by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Guerreiro, that Dr. Boyev has missed four consecutive meetings, having attended only two of the seven meetings in the past year, totaling 28.5% attendance of the meetings in a twelve-month period; therefore, by operation of rule 64B20-1.011, F.A.C., his membership has become void and is to be considered vacant.

Ms. Monroe informed board she will address the appearance of outdated term dates on board websites during the next Executive Director's meeting and provide the board an update.

Ms. Monroe announced the addition of a new Administrative Assistant and board members may begin receiving emails from him.

Ms. Yamashita, the Spanish translator released at this time.

### **TAB 6: Danaris Rivera, File #10254**

The board returned to this application at this point. The results are included in the initial entry for this item.

## **TAB 12: BOARD LIAISON REPORTS**

### **A: Budget Liaison Report- Dr. Johnson (SLP)**

#### **a. Revenue Report**

Dr. Johnson provided revenue amount. He then inquired if we have the expense report. Ms. Monroe noted that board staff would email the report following the meeting.

### **B: Application - Dr. Rahe (Au.D) & Dr. Johnson (SLP)**

No report at this time.

### **C: Continuing Education - Dr. Guerreiro (Au.D)**

1. Approved Providers 9.26.2020 through 12.17.2020 (informational purposes only)  
Dr. Guerreiro stated that the provider applications have been relatively quiet. He then summarized a few applications for members.

### **D: Laws and Rules - Vacant: (Dr. Rahe (Au.D) for specific circumstances**

Ms. Rutland informed board members that she forwarded all information provided to her to her local state senator who is on the rules committee. She further stated she will provide an update once she has one. Dr. Rahe then provided a historical summary for everyone's benefit.

**E: Unlicensed Activity - Dr. Rahe (Au.D) & Dr. Johnson (SLP)**  
No report at this time.

**F: Healthy Weight - Ms. Rutland**  
No report at this time.

**TAB 13: GENERAL DISCUSSION**

There was no general discussion.

**TAB 15: NEW BUSINESS**

**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

Motion: by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Rutland, to approve the delegation as presented. Motion carried.

**DISPENSING GUIDELINES FOR HEARING AIDS**

This item and Old Business were taken together for discussion.

**TAB 14: OLD BUSINESS**

**HEARING AIDS**

Discussion ensued wherein it was noted that the sale of hearing aids by mail is illegal in the state of Florida. Additionally, it was noted that out of state entities ship hearing aids directly to patients and the question was posed what is to be done in these instances to protect consumers? The discussion also included concern of hearing aids being sold in Florida and fit in Florida, but the end user doesn't have any legal stance with the provider. It was opined that this does not protect the consumers of the state of Florida. Dr. Guerreiro stated he had been in communication with the Board of Hearing Aid Specialists regarding this matter as well.

It was agreed that board counsel will investigate this matter and collaborate with the PSU attorney and board counsel for Board of Hearing Aids to see what can be done.

Discussion then ensued regarding FDA mandates, evaluations and other matters. It was noted that Florida doesn't follow FDA guidelines. The question was posed regarding promoting change to raise the bar. Board counsel will conduct research to determine what the board is allowed to do.

**TAB 16: PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**ADJOURN** Motion by Peter Johnson, seconded by Sergio Guerreiro adjourn.  
Next meeting April 16, 2021 TBA  
Meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.