Washington State
Board of Hearing and Speech
Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2018

Board Members Present:
Courtenay Hendricks, Chair; Lisa Illich, Vice Chair; Hal Hunsaker; Trice Konschuh; David Horn, MD; Ann Plotnick; Kelly Siebecke; Alison Vega, AuD

Board Members Absent:
Rick Giles; Roberta Jackson

Staff Present
Trina Crawford, Executive Director; Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager; Sandie Pearson, Program Representative; Joyce Roper, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

Others Present
Sandy Hubbard
Susan Agricola
Al Hicks
Paula Cain
Michael Mallahan
Nancy Bowen-Hicks

On August 3, 2018, the Board of Hearing and Speech met at the Heathman Lodge, 7801 N.E. Greenwood Drive, Vancouver, WA 98662. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the meeting agenda was emailed to the Hearing and Speech listserv and posted on the Hearing and Speech website.

OPEN SESSION – 9 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Courtenay Hendricks, Chair 9:04 a.m.

Ms. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Board and staff members introduced themselves.

1.1 Approval of the agenda

A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Board members voted in favor of the motion.

1.2 Approval of the May 18, 2018 meeting minutes
The board reviewed the May 18, 2018 meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 18, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Board members voted in favor of approving the May 18, 2018 meeting minutes as presented.

2. PRESENTATION FROM WASHINGTON HEARING SOCIETY (WHS) – Susan Agricola from WHS presented information about the nine-month online program for hearing aid specialist training (HAST).

Ms. Agricola provided handouts to the board members that contained details about the WHS nine-month online program. She said 33 students had enrolled in the program since it began. Eleven students have graduated from the program. Board members reviewed samples of the students' tracking logs. Ms. Agricola said the students' tracking logs are randomly audited each quarter.

The site-review committee will conduct site reviews of two separate sites on August 24, 2018 and will report its findings to the full board at the next meeting.

3. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT – Joyce Roper, AAG
AAG provided an update on the FDA allowing over-the-counter devices to the public. She distributed copies of a letter, dated July 24, 2018, the FDA sent to hearing aid manufacturers advising that the Congressional over-the-counter hearing aids law is not self-implementing and therefore, there is no over-the-counter hearing aid category until the effective date of a published FDA regulation. The letter stated that until that effective date, no products addressing hearing loss can claim to be over-the-counter hearing aids and hearing aids continue to be restricted devices that must follow applicable federal and state laws. FDA is still working on the rules for this. She will continue to provide updates at future meetings.

4. LOCATION FOR AUGUST 2019 – Courtenay Hendricks, Chair – The board discussed locations for the August 2019 meeting. Suggested locations included Seattle or Bellevue. Board members voted to hold the August 2019 meeting in either Seattle or Bellevue. Staff members will work on locating a specific venue for the meeting. Updated meeting information will be posted to the Hearing and Speech webpage.

5. PROGRAM REPORT –Trina Crawford, Executive Director; Ericka Brown, Credentialing Supervisor; and Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager

5.1 Credentialing statistics – The following licensure statistics were shared with the board:

	Hearing Aid Specialist	**Audiologist**	**SLP**	**SLPA** ***(Certification)***
Active Licenses	315	448	2,960	242

5.2 Hearing aid specialist practical examination update – **statistics** – Ms. Shadduck provided an update on the practical exam. Ms. Shadduck said the exam has been administered to one candidate since the previous meeting. Ms. Shadduck reported that the candidate will need to re-take one section of the exam.

Ms. Shadduck said the department is working on setting fees for the exam. The program is absorbing costs of the exams. Once fees are set candidates will be required to pay an exam fee.

Remaining 2018 practical exam dates are as follows:

- September 28, 2018
- December 7, 2018

Practical exams are scheduled to be held in Tumwater.

5.3 Current budget update – Ms. Shadduck updated board members on the 2017-2019 budget. She said the budget is healthy, having a positive balance of $1,088,397. An update on the budget and setting exam fees will be provided to the board at a future meeting.

5.4 Retreat with Board of Occupational Therapy (OT) date and discussion topics – Board members were updated on the collaborative training retreat with the OT Board. Ms. Crawford said the proposed dates for the collaborative training are October 19 and November 16, 2018. The Board of Physical Therapy is meeting on August 20, 2018 and will discuss whether it would like to participate. The collaborative training retreat may include topics such as telehealth, best practices, disciplinary processes, etc. Staff members will provide updated information to the board on a final date and location.

6 REQUEST FOR SCHOOL APPROVAL – Courtenay Hendricks, Chair – The board reviewed and considered a request for approval of Distance Minnesota's Alexandria Technical and Community College SLPA program. Board members reviewed, discussed and voted in favor of approving the Distance Minnesota's Alexandria Technical and Community College SLPA program.

7 AUDIOLOGIST LICENSING – Courtenay Hendricks, Chair – The board discussed the research of other states that license audiology assistants. The board is working on ways to survey current audiologist who may be using audiology assistants. The department will look into adding another sentence on the renewal slips and report to the board at the next meeting.

8. COMMITTEE WORK

8.1 Rules Committee

Members: Trice Konschuh, Public Member; Ann Plotnick, Hearing Aid Specialist; Rick Giles, Hearing Aid Specialist; Alison Vega, AuD; Roberta Jackson, SLP; Kelly Siebecke, SLPA

8.1.1 Committee members worked on updating and reviewing changes made by the department to WAC 246-828-020; 025; 040; 045; 04503; 04505; and 600.

8.2 Education/Exam Committee

Members: Courtenay Hendricks, Public Member; Hal Hunsaker, SLP; Alison Vega, AuD; David Horn, M.D; Roberta Jackson, SLP

8.2.1 Committee members reviewed the education curriculum of a foreign-trained applicant from the University of Melbourne in Australia to determine whether the education is substantially equivalent to the SLP interim permit education requirements per RCW 18.35.060.

8.2.2 Committee members reviewed the education curriculum of an applicant from the Caribbean University in Puerto Rico to determine whether the educational program meets the SLPA education requirements for certification per RCW 18.35.040 (3).

8.2.3 Committee members reviewed the endorsement from Illinois to determine whether the program and exam meets the HAS licensure requirements per RCW 18.35.040 (1).

8.2.4 Committee members reviewed the international licensing examination taken in Florida to determine whether the exam meets the HAS licensure requirements per RCW 18.35.040 (1)

8.2.5 Committee members reviewed the education curriculum of a foreign-trained applicant from the University of Wroclaw in Poland to determine whether the educational program meets the SLPA education requirements for certification per RCW 18.35.040 (3).

8.2.6 Committee members reviewed a SLP endorsement application where all the postgraduate professional work experience was completed in a school setting in Virginia to determine whether it meets SLP licensure requirements per RCW 18.35.040 (2) and WAC 246-928-04503.

8.2.7 Committee members reviewed a SLP endorsement application where all the postgraduate professional work experience was completed in a school setting in Colorado to determine whether it meets SLP licensure requirements per RCW 18.35.040 (2) and WAC 246-928-04503.

8.2.8 Committee members reviewed the education curriculum of a foreign-trained applicant from Bangalore University in India to determine whether the education is substantially equivalent to the SLP Interim Permit education requirements per RCW 18.35.060.

8.3 Disciplinary Committee

Members: Ann Plotnick, Hearing Aid Specialist; Hal Hunsaker, SLP; Trice Konschuh, Public Member; Lisa Illich, Audiologist

8.3.1 No additional agenda items were referred for committee review.

8.4 Public Relations Committee

Members: Courtenay Hendricks, Public Member; Hal Hunsaker, SLP; David Horn, M.D.

8.4.1 Committee members reviewed a request for lists and labels from Motivations Inc.

8.4.2 Committee members reviewed a request for lists and labels from Apply EBP LLC.

8.5 Site-Review Committee for Hearing Aid Specialist Programs
Members: Ann Plotnick, Hearing Aid Specialist; Alison Vega, AuD; Courtenay Hendricks, Public Member; Rick Giles, Hearing Aid Specialist
8.5.1 Committee members reviewed the checklist for the site review scheduled.

8.6 Telehealth Committee – Members: Hal Hunsaker, SLP; Courtenay Hendricks, Public Member; Roberta Jackson, SLP; Kelly Siebecke, SLPA
8.6.1 No agenda items were referred for committee review.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Committee members reported their discussions and presented committee recommendations for board action.

Rules Committee

- The committee reviewed, discussed, and recommended the board vote in favor of the proposed changes to the following rules:
  - WAC 246-828-020
  - WAC 246-828-025
  - WAC 246-828-040
  - WAC 246-828-045, 04503, 04505
  - WAC 246-828-600

  A motion was made that that board move forward with the proposed changes and that staff members move forward with the CR 102 to set a hearing date at the next board meeting on November 2. The board voted in favor of the motion.

Education/Exam Committee

- The committee reviewed, discussed and recommended the board approve the education of the foreign-trained applicant from University of Melbourne as substantially equivalent to the SLPI education requirements per RCW 18.35.040 (3) for the SLPI profession. The board voted in favor of the committee's recommendation.
- The committee reviewed, discussed and recommended the board approve the education of the applicant from Caribbean University in Puerto Rico as substantially equivalent to the SLPA education requirements per RCW 18.35.040 (2) for the SLPA profession. The board voted in favor of the committee's recommendation.
- The committee reviewed, discussed and recommended the board approve the education of an HAS applicant endorsement from Illinois for equivalent to the HAS education requirements per RCW 18.35.040 (3) for the HAS profession. The board voted in favor of the committee's recommendation.
- The committee reviewed, discussed and recommended the board approve the education of an HAS applicant's international licensing examination taken in Florida equivalent to the HAS education requirements per RCW 18.35.040 (3) for the HAS profession. The board voted in favor of the committee's recommendation.
- The committee reviewed, discussed and recommended the board approve the education of the foreign-trained applicant from University of Wroclaw in Poland as substantially equivalent to the SLPA education requirements per RCW 18.35.040 (2) for the SLPA profession. The board voted in favor of the committee's recommendation.
- The committee reviewed, discussed and recommended the board approve the education of an SLP endorsement application where all the postgraduate professional work experience was completed in a school setting in Virginia to determine whether it meets

SLP licensure requirements per RCW 18.35.040 (2) and WAC 246-928-04503 for the SLP profession. The board voted in favor of the committee's recommendation.

- The committee reviewed, discussed and recommended the board approve the education of an SLP endorsement application where all the postgraduate professional work experience was completed in a school setting in Colorado to determine whether it meets SLP licensure requirements per RCW 18.35.040 (2) and WAC 246-928-04503 for the SLP profession. The board voted in favor of the committee's recommendation.
- The committee reviewed, discussed and recommended the board approve the education curriculum of a foreign-trained applicant from Bangalore University in India to determine whether the education is substantially equivalent to the SLP interim permit education requirements per RCW 18.35.060 for the SLPI profession. The board voted in favor of the committee's recommendation.

Disciplinary Committee

- The committee did not provide a report.

Public Relations Committee

- The committee reviewed, discussed, and recommended the board approve a lists and labels request from Motivations Inc. The board voted to approve the lists and labels request from Motivations Inc.
- The committee reviewed, discussed, and recommended the board approve a lists and labels request from Apply EBP LLC. The board voted to approve the lists and labels request from Apply EBP LLC.

Site-Review Committee for Hearing Aid Specialist Programs

- The committee did not provide a report.

Telehealth Committee

- The committee did not provide a report as it did not meet.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

No items were added to the consent agenda for the board to review.

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS – The board discussed adding the following items to future meeting agendas:

- Rules hearing
- Rotate subcommittee members
- Exam proctor recruitment
- Discussion about allowable number of exam re-takes
- Praxis exam requirement
- Taking earmolds for items other than hearing aids
- Presentation – Nicole Kingham, Audiologist Assistant Program
- Collaborative training retreat update

12. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Nancy Bowen-Hicks asked how to provide board-suggested improvements to the nine-month HAS program. It was suggested that any correspondence be sent to Kim-Boi Shadduck.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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Presented By: Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program Manager Date

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Approved By: Courtenay Hendricks, Chair Date