

North Dakota
State Board of Examiners
on
Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology

Meeting Minutes

The North Dakota State Board of Examiners on Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology held a Special meeting on Wednesday February 28th 2024.

Date: February 28th 2024

Time: 12:00pm CST

Location: Virtual only

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I. Call to Order

Board members in attendance:

Robyn Zeltinger-President

Courtney Olson-SLP Licensing Secretary

Krystal Mann-Audiology Licensing Secretary

Marin Almer-Recording Secretary, CE Coordinator

Danielle Landreville-Consumer member

Mattew Miller-Otolaryngologist

Kayla Fisher-SLP

Hannah Campbell-SLP

Matt Menge-Assistant Attorney General

Brian Barrett-Apt, Inc

Members of the public were also in attendance.

II. Application review

A. Cindy Sponheim

The Board reviewed Ms. Sponheim's application and concluded that she does not possess the required degree indicated in the ND Century Code.

Assistant Attorney General Matt Menge recommended that, instead of sending a letter to the applicant, the Board make a motion to deny the application based on not satisfying the academic requirements as identified in the ND Century Code. If this motion passes, Matt will draft an order from the Board with Robyn Zeltinger's signature. There will be a notice attached to this order advising that the applicant she has the opportunity to appeal.

Krystal Mann: Motion to deny Cindy Sponheim's application for licensure as it does not meet the academic requirements indicated in the ND Century Code.
Matthew Miller: 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Courtney Olson: Aye
Krystal Mann: Aye
Marin Almer: Aye
Matthew Miller: Aye
Danielle Landreville: Aye
Kayla Fisher: Aye
Robyn Zeltinger: Aye
Hannah Campbell (absent at this time).

III. Re-licensure review

A. Nicole Sebastian

Robyn Zeltinger recused herself from discussing and voting on Nicole Sebastian's application due to knowing the individual and working with her.

The Board reviewed Nicole Sebastian's re-licensure application and letters. Upon much discussion, the Board agreed that subsection #6 of the ND Administrative Rule 11-02-01-04 should be applied.

The Board also agreed on the applicant having 2 weeks to send the Board a renewal application and that they will license the applicant throughout 2024.

Assistant Attorney General Matt Menge recommended that the Board make 2 motions: First, the motion to extend the renewal expiration date for Ms. Sebastian and allow her to submit the renewal application. Second, to extend the expiration date on her 2023 license to March 15th 2024.

Courtney Olson: Made the motion to extend Nicole's expiration date on her 2023 license through March 15th of 2024.

Marin Almer: 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Matthew Miller: Aye
Danielle Landreville: Aye
Krystal Mann: Aye
Marin Almer: Aye
Hannah Campbell: Aye
Kayla Fisher: Aye

Courtney Olson: Aye
Robyn Zeltinger (recuse)

Courtney Olson: Motion for Brian to contact Nicole and advise that the Board agreed to approve a licensure renewal which will need to be received in the next 2 weeks and her licensure will be from January 1st 2024 to December 31st 2024.

Matthew Miller suggested that the motion include language about the hardship.

Courtney Olson: Advised that she will amend her motion, so it extends the expiration date due to the proof of "hardship" provided by the applicant.

Matthew Miller: 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Danielle Landreville: Aye
Krystal Mann: Aye
Marin Almer: Aye
Hannah Campbell: Aye
Kayla Fisher: Aye
Courtney Olson: Aye
Matt Miller: Aye
Robyn Zeltinger (recused herself).

B. LaShae Nolz

The Board reviewed LaShae's re-licensure application.

The Board opened the meeting for public comment and both the applicant and her employer provided feedback.

Upon reviewing the application and letters, the Board decided that subsection #6 of the ND Administrative Rule 11-02-01-04 should be applied.

Assistant Attorney General Matt Menge advised the Board that 2 motions will be needed: First, there needs to be a motion concerning a hardship as it relates to subsection #6 of the ND Administrative Rule 11-02-01-04 and the 2nd motion should address the renewal extension.

Danielle Landreville: Made a motion that LaShae Nolz experienced a hardship and to apply subsection #6 of the ND Administrative Rule 11-02-01-04

Krystal Mann: 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Matt Miller (no response)
Marin Almer: Aye
Hannah Campbell: Aye
Kayla Fisher: Aye
Courtney Olson: Aye
Robyn Zeltinger: Aye

Krystal Mann: Aye

Robyn Zeltinger: Made a motion to extend the expiration date of the 2023 license to March 15th and backdate the license to January 1st 2024.

Marin Almer: 2nd the motion.

Roll Call vote:

Courtney Olson: Aye

Kayla Fisher: Aye

Hannah Campbell: Aye

Marin Almer: Aye

Krystal Mann: Aye

Danielle Landreville: Aye

Matt Miller: No response

Robyn Zeltinger: Aye

C. Lori-Lee Lakefield

The Board reviewed Ms. Lakefield's re-licensure application. Upon discussion with Matt Menge and reviewing the application, it was determined that subsection #6 of the ND Administrative Rule 11-02-01-04 would not apply.

Matthew Miller: Made a motion that we approve the re-licensure application and grant the license effective today February 28th 2024.

Courtney Olson: 2nd the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Kayla Fisher: Aye

Danielle Landreville: Aye

Matthew Miller: Aye

Courtney Olson: Aye

Krystal Mann: Aye

Marin Almer: Aye

Robyn Zeltinger: Aye

IV. WSI Premium

Brian advised the Board that WSI approved the application and that the premium will be \$250 annually. WSI advised that they believe this insurance might be mandatory for all state boards.

Robyn Zeltinger: Motion that Brian proceed with WSI and accept the insurance and the \$250 annual premium.

Krystal Mann: 2nd the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Courtney Olson: Aye

Kayla Fisher: Aye
Marin Almer: Aye
Krystal Mann: Aye
Matthew Miller: Aye
Danielle Landreville: Aye
Robyn Zeltinger: Aye

V. Adjourn. 1:29pm CST



Dr. Marin Almer-Recording Secretary

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Date

Where noted, the discussion of some of the above topics may be held in executive session rather than during the portion of the meeting that is open to the public. If this is a regular meeting, additional topics may be discussed. If this is a special or emergency meeting, the governing body's discussion will be limited to the topics and executive sessions listed above. If so, include: (may require Executive Session per NDCC 44-04-19.1(2) due to possible need for attorney consultation)