

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 regular board meeting Friday April 12th 2024.

Location: Bismarck Capitol
Red River Room
600 E. Boulevard Ave
Bismarck, ND 58505

Time: 12:30pm

Virtual: <https://zoom.us/j/91392308813?pwd=QytiT1pJTG1KV2pDamd2elc1L2xSZz09>

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I. Call to Order

Roll Call

Robyn Zeltinger-President
Courtney Olson-SLP Licensing Secretary
Krystal Mann-Aud Licensing Secretary
Hannah Campbell
Kayla Fisher
Marin Almer – Recording Secretary
Matt Miller

II. Meeting Minute Review

A. January 26th 2024 Meeting Minute Review

Courtney Olson made the motion to approve the January 26th meeting minutes.

Robyn Zeltinger seconded the motion.
Roll Call Vote: All Aye

B. February 22nd 2024 Special Meeting Minute Review:

Robyn Zeltinger: Under B, the date is incorrect. It should read April 12th not April 15th

Courtney Olson: Motion to approve the meeting minutes with Brian's correction concerning the April 15th date.

Krystal Mann: seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote: All Aye.

C. February 28th 2024 Special Meeting Minute Review

Robyn Zeltinger: Motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes

Kayla Fisher: Seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote: All Aye

IV. Financials

A. Treasure Report

1. Analysis of Revenue and Expense

2. Balance Sheet

3. Profit and Loss

Brian Barrett reviewed the Board's financial documents.

Krystal Mann: Motion to approve the Treasury report and the financials.

Courtney Olson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye

V. Applications-Licensure Secretary Report

A. Applications approved under Chair authority include:

Shay Johnson, SLP # 2562

Jasmine Vinnard, SLP 2564

Aleksandra Lutovsky, SLP 2566

Rebecca Tippitt, SLP 2568

Cory Cook, Aud, 2570

Dreu Riggs, SLP 2572

Erika Cecil, SLP 2574

Adeline Mielke, SLPLA 2576

Viridian Luna, SLP 2578
Diana Sowers, Aud, 2580
Leanne Sherred, SLP 2582
Lori-Lee Lakefield, SLP 2584
Timothy Wimbish, SLP 2590
Michael Ulrich, SLP 2592
Janice Sharma, SLP 2594
Arianna Hatzioannides, Aud, 2596

Robyn Zeltinger: Motion to ratify the applicants who received licensure under Licensing Secretary authority.

Krystal Mann seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye

B. Application review

1. Delani Collins – SLPLA application

Courtney Olson reviewed the application with the Board.

There is a concern about the number of practicum hours. The applicant was asked to provide additional documentation which has yet to be received. Courtney Olson indicated that the applicant currently does not have the required 100 hours of clinical experience. If the applicant provides additional hours, they will be considered.

Courtney Olson made a motion that if the Board receives evidence from Delaney Collins that she has met her 100 hours of clinical experience, the Board will approve her application for SLPLA licensure.

Kayla Fisher seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye

2. Mary Ann Wilson-Audiology application incomplete

Brian advised that the application is incomplete because undergraduate transcripts have not been received. He indicated that several emails have been sent to the applicant along with leaving a voice message. To date, there has been no response from the applicant.

Robyn Zeltinger: motion to keep Mary Ann's application open until the undergraduate transcripts are received. If the application remains incomplete once a full year has passed, a letter will be sent to the applicant advising that her file is administratively closed until the necessary information is received.

Courtney Olson seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote: All Aye

VI. Old Business

A. Labor Commissioner Meeting

The Board discussed the application process and other information with the Labor commissioner.

Brian advised that he will provide data regarding military/military spouse applicants

B. ND Administrative Rule

1. SLPLA rules review

It was advised that the subcommittee did not meet since the last regular board meeting.

Courtney Olson suggested tabling the topic. She discovered a few things in the rules that do not match the suggested changes from a previous meeting. She explained that the Board should have some sort of "provisional license" for the military. In addition, the Board should explore the possibility of a provisional license for post graduate clinical experience situations.

Matt Menge advised that the Board should first create a "draft" of the administrative rules and then start the public notice process.

Courtney, Kayla and Robyn decided that the next SLPLA administrative rules subcommittee will meet on May 8th from 12-1pm

VII. New Business

A. Kylah Aull. ND Legislative Council- Discussion regarding separate license for hearing aids and requirements

Marin Almer advised that she is opposed to combining the boards. Krystal Mann explained that not having a Hearing Aid Specialist Board would open the market for more online sales. This prohibits "best practices". For example, online hearing tests can't check for earwax, middle ear status. Also, when it comes to fitting hearing aids, you can't do best practices like speech mapping. Providing these services via a remote means is not the best practice especially for the initial fitting. To protect the consumer, it is best to have separate boards.

Public Comment: Tricia Nechodom

Tricia advised that she understands online hearing aid fittings are not in the consumer's best interest. However, she suggested that the Board explore why other states are moving away from having a Hearing Aid Specialist Board. Minnesota, South Dakota and Montana now have a single license. Did they do this just because it's easier? Have there been any issues with the consumer? Tricia explained that she would want to know more information about this.

B. APT contract for next year

Brian advised that, although the Board signed a 5 year contract with APT, Inc, it needs to be renewed every year. He explained that the cost will not change for the upcoming year (i.e., July 1st 2024-June 30th 2025) but there will be an adjustment for inflation the year after (i.e., July 1st 2025 – June 30th 2026)

Courtney Olson advised that it in the Board's best interest to maintain APT, Inc as the management company.

Robyn: Motion to continue contract with Apt, Inc. through 2025.

Matt Miller: Seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye

C. ASHA and state licensure

The Board discussed an email regarding ASHA and advocating that this is not required for state licensure. Also, the email states that there is "confusing" language regarding the requirement of one's ASHA card but not the certificate of clinical competencies.

Courtney Olson advised that the only reason the application mentions the ASHA card is because this can replace proof of the Praxis Test Score Report (since ASHA requires a passing Praxis to be a member of ASHA). Courtney advocated that the Board not change this because licensure is not dependent on being a member of ASHA.

D. Budge for July 1st 2024- June 30th 2025

Board reviewed the current budget and adjusted numbers for the 24'-25' budget.

Board reviewed and added the annual premium for Workman's Comp Insurance which is \$250.

The Board discussed keeping AAG training in the budget and decided to keep this amount for Matt Menge's training.

Robyn Zeltinger: Motion to approve the budget for July 1st 2024-June 30th 2025 with the addition of WSI Workman's Comp premium.

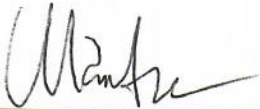
Courtney Olson: Seconded the motion

Role Call Vote: All Aye.

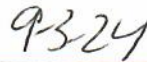
E. Approved CE list

Robyn advised that she received the 2023 CE Training list from Brian and she will determine if there are certain courses/seminars/trainings that can be pre-approved.

VIII. Adjourn. 1:57pm CST



Dr. Marin Almer-Recording Secretary



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)