

**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 will held a Special Subcommittee meeting on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Date: May 8<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Time: 12:00pm

Location: Virtual only  
<https://zoom.us/j/99191477548?pwd=ZiNqeHRsa0tOemlWU2kwb2tIWGtWQT09>  
Passcode: 660256  
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**I. Call to Order**

**Courtney Olson**  
**Kayla Fisher**  
**Robyn Zeltinger**

**II. ND Century Code and Administrative Rules Review**

**A. ND Century Code 43-37-04 & 43-37-04.**

*The subcommittee tabled discussions regarding the century code for the next meeting.*

**B. ND Administrative Rules 11-02-01-08**

*The subcommittee reviewed 11-02-01-08 of the ND Administrative Rules pertaining to speech-language pathology licensed assistants. They discussed direct and indirect supervision along with defining "clinical experience" and created proposed language which is listed below:*

- a. "Direct supervision" means face-to-face contact that occurs either in-person or through video conferencing. Activities that occur during direct supervision include Speech-language pathology observation of the practicing speech-language pathology licensed assistant, speech-language pathology modeling for the speech-language pathology

~~licensed assistant, and cotreatment between the speech-language pathology licensed assistant and supervising speech-language pathologist on a single client. discussions, and teaching.~~

- b. "Indirect supervision" means other than face-to-face contact. Activities that occur during indirect supervision include telephone conversations, written correspondence, review of documents, electronic exchanges, review of recorded sessions or other methods using secure telecommunication technology.
- c. Direct clinical experience means treatment, screenings, or assisting with assessments.
- d. Indirect clinical experience means paperwork, observation, or treatment preparation.

*The subcommittee reviewed subsection 2 of section 11-02-01-08 involving the minimum qualifications for the SLPLA and created the proposed language for the ND Administrative Rules below:*

2. Minimum qualifications for a speech-language pathology licensed assistant. A bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology or communication disorders as approved by the board that includes a minimum of six semester credit-hours in disordered communication, a minimum of three semester credit-hours in clinical techniques, successful completion of ~~an internship requiring a minimum of~~ one hundred hours of direct clinical experience overseen by a supervising speech-language pathologist with a minimum of 25% direct clinical supervision or equivalent work experience as approved at the discretion of the board. An applicant for a speech-language pathology licensed assistant must possess 100 hours of supervised clinical experience and either at least a bachelor's degree in speech-language pathology or communication disorders OR a 2-year degree in Speech-Language pathology assistant's program or a bachelor's degree in another field with course work in the following areas: clinical phonetics, speech sound disorders, language development, language disorders, and anatomy and physiology of speech and hearing mechanisms. clinical techniques

*The subcommittee reviewed subsection g in section 11-02-01-08 in the ND Administrative rules and created the proposed change in language below:*

g. A supervising speech-language pathologist shall provide direct and indirect supervision that meets the following guidelines: Change per Subcommittee

~~During the first ninety days, a supervising speech-language pathologist shall provide direct supervision for at least twenty percent of the client contact hours worked each week by the speech-language pathology licensed assistant, and indirect supervision for at least ten percent of the client contact hours worked by the speech-language pathology licensed assistant.~~

~~After the initial ninety workdays are complete, the supervising speech-language pathologist shall provide direct supervision for at least ten percent of the client contact hours worked each week by the speech-language pathology licensed assistant and indirect supervision for at least ten percent of the client contact hours worked by the speech-language pathology licensed assistant.~~

Direct supervision shall be provided by the SLP for each client/patient/student at least once every 60 days. The supervising SLP shall provide direct supervision at an increased rate for medically fragile or high-risk patients an appropriate amount in relationship to their condition. The board may request supervision records at any time.

*The subcommittee reviewed subsection 13 in section 11-02-02-03 and created the proposed language change to the ND Administrative Rules below:*

13. Violating any of the principles of ethics as listed in the most recent code of ethics of the American speech-language-hearing association.

*The subcommittee agreed that the subsections in 11-02-01-06 below need to be reviewed and revised during the next regular board meeting.*

7. If an individual is unlicensed for a period less than five calendar years, the individual must be granted re-licensure upon the filing of a completed application for license, the licensing fee, a two hundred fifty-dollar re-licensure fee, and proof of completion of ten clock hours of continuing education for each ~~calendar~~ year for which the individual was unlicensed in order to be considered for re-licensure.

8. If an individual is unlicensed for a period of five or more calendar years, the individual may be required by the board to retake and pass the Praxis II specialty examination or another examination approved by the board, and shall be required to file a completed application for a license, the licensing fee, a two hundred fifty-dollar re-licensure fee, and proof of completion of ten clock hours of continuing education for each calendar year for which the individual was unlicensed in order to be considered for re-licensure.

*The subcommittee reviewed language identifying the make-up of the board and discussed make a change to include an SLPLA. They also discussed creating a provisional license which is required for military spouses. Courtney will create potential language for provisional licensure.*

**III. Adjourn. 1:02pm**

  
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**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)