

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 on Friday July 26th 2024.

Date: July 26th 2024

Time: 12:30pm

Location: Virtual only

I. Call to Order

Robyn Zeltinger-President

Courtney Olson-SLP Licensing Secretary

Matthew Miller-Treasurer

Marin Almer-Recording Secretary & CE Coordinator

Krystal Mann-Audiology Licensing Secretary

Kayla Fisher

Danielle Landreville

II. Meeting Minute Review

- A. April 12th 2024 Regular Meeting minute review**
- B. May 8th 2024 Special Meeting minute review**
- C. May 13th 2024 Special Meeting minute review**
- D. July 10th Special Meeting minute review**

The Board reviewed the minutes above.

Robyn Zeltinger made the motion to approve the meeting minutes.

Courtney Olson 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 Reviewed the financials with the Board.

Danielle Landreville made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report.

Krystal Mann seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye

V. Applications-Licensure Secretary Report

A. Applications approved under Chair authority include:

Samantha DePinto, Aud #2598
Danielle Ortiz, SLP #2600
Mary Agulo, Aud#2602
Nathan Wells, Aud#2604
Leksie Boese, SLP #2606
Arianna Passeri, SLP #2608
Bayli Krance, SLP #2610
Hannah Burt, SLP #2612
Haydee Krieg, SLP #2614
Breanna Moritz, SLP#2616
Jenysa Patterson, SLP#2618
Roxana Lieberg Jordheim, SLP#2620
Brenna Dieterle, SLP #2622
Jensen Bloom, SLP#2624
Jennifer Cloos, SLP#2626
MacKenzie Eckre, SLP#2628
Alison Ochoa, SLP#2630
Sara Stier, SLP#2632
Rachel Thomsen, SLP #2634
Julie Buendgen, SLP#2636
Elizabeth McDonald, SLP#2638
Alie Rockey, SLP#2640
Emma Mertens, SLP#2642
Elaina Swartz, SLP#2644
Brianna Walski, SLP#2646
Deann Rasmusan, SLP#2648
Alyssa Gourde, SLP#2650

Annika Eidem, SLP#2652
Emma Breidenbach, SLP#2654
Autumn Lindgren, SLP#2656
Hannah Budke, SLP#2658
Abby Pankow, SLP#2660
Jena Lovaas, SLP#2662
Dayla Miller, SLP#2664
Katelyn Lang, SLP#2666
Karolynn Winger, SLP#2668
Elissa Steffan, SLP#2670
Paige Nyland, SLP#2672
Eden Kramer, SLP#2674
McKenna Thiessen, SLP#2676
Olutayo Kayode, SLP#2678
Serena Ratzlaff, SLP#2680
Gabrielle Furman, SLP#2682
Miranda Johnson, SLP#2684
Samantha Ertz, SLP#2686
Justine LaRocca, SLP#2688
Catherine Suckow, SLPLA#2690
Abigail Johnson, SLP#2692
MaKayla Heinrich, SLP#2694
Tyra Heiser, SLPLA#2696
Sierra Bennion, Aud#2698
Tatum Wilson, SLP#2700
Peyton Boom, SLP#2702
Jessica Dodds, SLP#2704
Madysen Eklund, SLP#2706
James Bennett, SLP#2708
Jessie-Anna Penkoff, Aud#2710
Melanie Shaffer, Aud#2712
Mikaylee Bahl, SLP#2714
Emily Soderstrom, SLP#2716
Kamryn Qualley, SLPLA#2718

Robyn Zeltinger made the motion to ratify those the applications approved by the Licensing Secretary.

Danielle Landreville seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye

B. Application review

1. Kris Vossler – SLP Re-Licensure application review

The Board discussed and reviewed the application. The applicant's initial license expired on 12/31/2022. Therefore, the applicant would need to show continuing education for 2022 and 2023. Upon reviewing, it was determined that the applicant will need an additional 16 clock hours (i.e., 6 from 2023 and 10 from 2022). If the applicant can't provide documentation such as an agenda concerning the courses listed, the Board will need 16 continuing education hours

in addition to the 10 required for 2025 re-licensure. This will be due on 12/31/2024.

Courtney Olson made the motion that the Board grant re-licensure to Kris Vossler, indicating that 4 hours of her continuing education hours is approved but she is missing 16 CE hours from her time unlicensed in ND. If she can provide more information regarding continuing education, the Board will consider counting that toward the 16 hours. Otherwise, when she applies for re-licensure at the end of 2024, she needs to provide 16 CE hours in addition to the typical 10 for a total of 26 CE hours.

Danielle Landreville seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: All Aye

VI. Old Business

A. ND Administrative Rule --

The Board reviewed proposed language developed by the subcommittee from May 8th 2024.

Courtney reviewed the newly proposed language below relating to 11-02-01-08 of the ND Administrative Rules pertaining to speech-language pathology licensed assistants

"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.

Courtney made the motion to propose the language above as "draft" language for this section.

Krystal Mann seconded the motion

Roll call vote: All Aye.

Courtney reviewed the newly proposed language in 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

Krystal Mann made the motion to adopt the above language as "draft".

Robyn Zeltinger seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: All Aye

Courtney reviewed the newly proposed language in subsection g in section 11-02-01-08 in the ND Administrative rules and discussed the proposed change in below:

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

~~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.

Robyn Zeltinger made the motion to adopt the above language as draft.

Kayla Fisher seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: All Aye

Courtney reviewed the newly proposed language in 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 as formerly adopted by the American speech-language-hearing association.

Matt Menge suggested adding "as formerly adopted" after "most recent" code of ethics so it reads as follows: "Violating any of the principles of ethics as listed in the most recent code of ethics as formerly adopted by of the American speech-language-hearing association"

Courtney Olson made the motion to adopt the language above.

Krystal Mann seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: All Aye

The Board reviewed language in subsections 7 and 8 in section 11-02-01-06 with Matt Menge and he recommended the changes below:

7. If an individual is unlicensed for a period less than five calendar years, the individual ~~must~~ May 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.

After much discussion, Robyn Zeltinger made the motion to have a subcommittee review the above language in a special meeting with AAG Matt Menge.

Courtney Olson seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: All Aye

2. Provisional licensure language review

Robyn Zeltinger advised that the Board still needs to create language relating to provisional licensure. Courtney advised that she was reviewing language in other states and has some ideas for the subcommittee.

VII. New Business

A. Question Review

1. Are SLPs allowed to diagnose ankyloglossia in evaluations?

The Board discussed and Matt Menge advised that the Board cannot provide legal advice and to seek the advice of an attorney.

2. Licensure denial inquiry – Degree title from the international evaluation Service

The Board reviewed this inquiry and decided to advise the sender if the applicant has any direct questions regarding communication from the Board, they should contact the Board to discuss those concerns.

3. Request to consider licensing all SLPA pathways: SLPP, SLPLA, and SLPA.

The Board reviewed and discussed the question. It was concluded that the Board cannot combine these. The Board does not have authority over the SLPP or SLPA. This is not up to this board as to the type of language they use. NDSBE only grants licensure to SLPLAs.

The Board is considering the different pathways to SLPLA that ASHA has presented in regard to terminology. This Board utilizes SLPLA for Speech-Language Pathology Licensed Assistants. All other terminology is up to other boards or accrediting bodies.

B. Complaint Review

1. David Ness

The Board reviewed the letter from AAG Steven Hanson advising Dr. Ness that the Board dismissed the complaint. Steven Hanson also sent the letter Rachel Vermeeren.

C. NCSB Conference Sept 26-28th in San Antonio, TX

The Board discussed and only Courtney Olson was interested in attending

Robyn Zeltinger made the motion to send Courtney Olson to the NCSB Conference and, if Robyn chooses to attend, it will be approved.

Krystal Mann seconded the motion
Roll Call Vote: All Aye

D. ND State Board of Hearing Aid Specialists

AAG Matt Menge advised that the Hearing Aid Board might be disbanded during the legislative session. This Board may be called upon to take over the responsibilities.

E. Labor Commissioner questionnaire

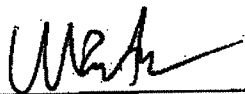
Robyn Zeltinger made the motion for Brian to complete the survey for her review and once approved, Brian will submit the questionnaire.

Courtney Olson seconded the motion.

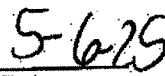
Roll Call Vote: All Aye.

VIII. Adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 2:57 pm



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)