

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 November 20th 2024.
Date: November 20th 2024
Time: 12:00pm CST

I. Call to Order

- **Robyn Zeltinger – President Presiding**
- **Courtney Olson**
- **Hannah Campbell**
- **Krystal Mann**
- **Marin Almer**
- **Danielle Landreville**
- **Brian Barrett, Apt, Inc.**
- **Matt Menge, AAG**

II. Century Code Review

- **The Board discussed subsection 2 of section 43-37-02 of the ND Century Code**
- **Subsection 2 of section 43-37-02 does not have the word “managing” which is a key word for reimbursement with certain insurance companies. There have been recent changes with 3rd parties paying for hearing aids along with changes made by the AMA regarding who is a qualified healthcare professional.**
- **It was advised that 3rd party insurance considers hearing aid checks to be “managing” and this word needs to be included in the audiology scope of practice for reimbursement.**
- **Courtney Olson made the motion to add “managing” in subsection 2 of section 43-37-02 of the ND Century Code.**
- **Marin Almer seconded the motion**
 - **Vote**
 - **Krystal: Aye**
 - **Marin: Aye**
 - **Hannah: Aye**
 - **Courtney: Aye**
 - **Danielle: Aye**
 - **Robyn: Aye**
- **The Board reviewed all the proposed changes to the ND Courtney Code regarding SLPLA licensure requirements, temporary licensure and subpoena authority.**

- Krystal Mann made the motion to approve the ND Century Code changes discussed by the Board.
- Hannah Campbell seconded the motion
 - Vote:
 - Hannah: Aye
 - Courtney: Aye
 - Robyn: Aye
 - Krystal: Aye
 - Marin: Aye
 - Danielle: Aye

III. Interstate Compact

- AAG Matt Menge spoke to the Board regarding his discussion with Representative Froelich concerning an Interstate Compact.
 - Currently, North Dakota is not eligible to join an Interstate Compact because to join, ND laws need to require a post-secondary clinical experience under supervision.
 - To be part of the ASLPC Compact, the Board will need to change the Century Code to require a provisional license in a clinical fellowship for the 1st year.
 - Matt Menge advised that in 2022 a federal bill took effect and it focuses on the portability of a professional license. This bill allows the portability of a professional license held by service members and their spouses. If a service member has a professional license from another state, they need to be granted licensure in ND upon submitting the proper documentation.
 - Other challenges with joining the compact:
 - Precuring the necessary software
 - How the decision-making process is developed
 - Each state receives 2 delegates who are assigned to the "Compact Commission".
 - The Compact Commission acts in a "quasi legislative" capacity and sets rules and bylaws
 - If there is a conflict between the ND Century Code and the compact, the compact will prevail. The constitutionality of this is being litigated.
 - The interests and concerns in small states are potentially different than those of large states. For example, mandating the same data systems. This would be fiscally challenging for smaller states.
 - The ND Century Code would need to be changed if the compact were to pass. Some changes would be as follows:
 - The authority for the board to have subpoena power
 - Criminal record checks on every applicant because this is mandated in the compact.
 - Matt Menge recommended that the Board not make a decision regarding the Interstate Compact. Instead, this needs to be deferred to the ND legislature. However, the legislature will need to know about the statutory challenges the compact will present.

IV. Re-Licensure application review

- The Board reviewed and discussed a document forwarded by a potential SLPLA applicant.
 - The ND Laws/rules state that the 100 hours of clinical experience needs to be completed under the guidance of a licensed speech-language pathologist. The person who signed the document is not a licensed speech-language pathologist.
 - Robyn made the motion Brian draft a letter requesting clarifying information on the exact position and title of his supervisor of the 100 hours of hand-on clinical hours.
 - Krystal Mann seconded the motion
- Vote:
 Marin: Aye
 Krystal: Aye
 Hannah: Aye
 Courtney: Aye
 Robyn: Aye

V. Dates for 2025 Regular meetings:

- January 24th @ 12pm
- April 11th @ 12pm
- July 18th @ 12pm
- October 24th @ 12pm

VI. Authorization for Banks

- Courtney made the motion for Robyn to draft a letter advising that William Kalanek and Robyn Zeltinger have authorization to conduct bank related business on behalf of NDSBE Audiology and Speech-language Pathology.
 - Danielle Landreville seconded the motion
- Vote:
- Hannah: Aye
 - Krystal: Aye
 - Courtney: Aye
 - Danielle: Aye
 - Robyn: Aye
 - Marin: Aye

VII. Adjourn

12:36pm


 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)