

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

Special Meeting minutes

The North Dakota State Board of Examiners on Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology held a special board meeting on Tuesday May 17th 2022.

Date: May 17th 2022

Time: 12:00pm

Location: APT, Inc

2900 E. Broadway Ave Suite #2

Bismarck, ND 58501

Remote Access: 1(872) 240-3311 Access Code 746-957-653

I. Call to Order

Robyn Zeltinger-Presiding President

Erin Holt: Licensing Secretary

Amber Fox-Treasurer

Amanda Leddige

Courtney Olson

Dave Schaibley, AAG

Brian Barrett, APT

II. Meeting Minute Review

1. February 11th 2022 Special Meeting Minutes

Amanda Leddige: Motion to approve minutes

Courtney Olson: 2nd the motion

Vote: All Aye

2. April 29th Regular Board Meeting minutes

Robyn Zeltinger: Motion to approve minutes

Amanda Leddige: 2nd the Motion

Vote: All Aye

III. Application Review

1. Karen Kajiwara-Nelson

Board reviewed MT laws from 1996 with ND laws from 1996. Concluded that the ND laws and MT laws in 1996 were substantially similar.

Robyn Zeltinger: Motion to approve Karen Kajiwara-Nelson for licensure

Courtney Olson: 2nd the motion

Vote: All Aye

2. Brenda Schafer-applying for re-licensure

Board reviewed and discussed the re-licensure application.

Robyn Zeltinger: Motion to approve Brenda Schafer for re-licensure.

Amber Fox: 2nd the motion

Vote: All Aye

IV. Old Business

A. James Fletcher Scott: Response to the "letter of inquiry"

Board reviewed Mr. Scott's response to the letter sent from the Board on May 4th.

Board concluded that a follow-up letter is needed requesting he provide the date(s) of the alleged incident.

Board requested that the follow-up letter to Mr. Scott. Letter should advise Mr. Scott that his response is important because it could lead to disciplinary action. Brian will work with Erin Holt on this letter.

Board suggested asking ASHA for date(s) incident occurred. Ask for supporting documents. Brian will write a letter to ASHA requesting this information.

B. Administrative Rules Review and suggested changes

1. Board reviewed 11-02-01-01 #5 which states "The board may grant licensure to an applicant who holds a current license in good standing to an audiologist, speech-language pathologist, or speech-language pathology licensed assistant in another state or jurisdiction if that other state or jurisdiction imposes at least substantially the same standards that are imposed under this chapter".

Per Dave: Possibly adapt additional language to the reciprocity idea: The board may grant licensure to an applicant who holds a current license in good standing to an audiologist, speech-language pathologist, or speech-language pathology licensed assistant in another state or jurisdiction "If you possess qualification or experience in the practice of audiology and SLP which are substantially similar to the minimum requirements to the ND license". This allows the Board a 3rd path to license individuals and

consider experience or other qualifications that out-weigh any shortcomings. This gives the Board more flexibility.

2. Dave discussed moving forward with the Administrative Rule change and timeline

a). Steps to have finalized version of Rule changes by August:

- Create a single version of the Administrative Rules showing the changes
- Send the changes to all licensees, stakeholders, and associations.
- Modify the changes sometime between June 15-30 with a
- Vote on the finalized version before August 1st so the Board can make the December deadline

b). Plan to implement the steps above.

1). Amber and Dave to type changes into the rules, circulate through Brian, make sure all Board members are on the same page. Dave will forward the WORD version of ND Adm. Rules to Amber. Amber will cross reference the most recent rule change suggestions with the prior suggestions.

2.) Hold a Special Meeting before June 15th and decide on all the changes.

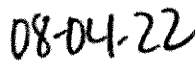
3.) Circulate the Admin. Rule draft to all stakeholders (give them 2 weeks to review and respond)

4.). Vote on a final version of the Administrative Rules change during the Regular Board Meeting on July 22nd

V. Adjourn 12:59pm



Marin Almer-Recording Secretary



Date

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