



BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Teleconference – Sacramento, Glendora, Lodi, Moorpark, and French Camp
July 18, 2024

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum

Gilda Dominguez, Board Chair, called the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board (Board) meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Ms. Dominguez called roll; six members of the Board were present and thus a quorum was established.

Board Members Present

Gilda Dominguez, Speech-Language Pathologist, Board Chair
Amy White, Dispensing Audiologist, Vice Chair
Tod Borges, Hearing Aid Dispenser
Karen Chang, Public Member
John Dandurand, Hearing Aid Dispenser
Charles Sanders, Dispensing Audiologist

Staff Present

Paul Sanchez, Executive Officer
Cherise Burns, Assistant Executive Officer
Maria Liranzo, Legislation/Regulation/Budget Analyst
Yuping Lin, DCA Legal Counsel
Dao Choi, DCA Regulatory Counsel
Yvonne Dorantes, DCA Executive Office
Trisha St. Clair, DCA SOLID

2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Ms. Dominguez asked for public comments.

Gregg Thornton, Executive Director of the Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board, introduced himself to the Board and stated that he was here to observe our work.

3. Discussion and Possible Action to Review, Consider and Approve Amended Regulations Regarding Continuing Professional Development Requirements for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists as stated in Title 16, CCR sections 1399.160 through 1399.160.4, to ensure the proposed amendments didn't contain a mathematical miscalculation and are consistent with the Board's intent to modify certain hours related to continuing education requirements that were previously approved by the Board.

Ms. Dominguez invited Maria Liranzo to present proposed responses to public comment and potential proposed changes to regulations regarding continuing professional development requirements. Ms. Liranzo provided a background on the proposed changes and stated that Board staff do not recommend additional changes to the text.

Ms. Liranzo noted that the comments and summary of comments with draft board responses were included in the meeting materials. Ms. Liranzo further noted that the Order of Adoption was included in the meeting materials and stated that while preparing the package for submission there was confusion regarding the number of hours allowed from courses on indirect patient/client care. Ms. Liranzo further stated that the text that was adopted by the Board on December 1, 2023, and noticed to the public on December 8, 2023, changed the allowable number of hours for courses on indirect patient/client care from

seventeen (17) percent to twenty-five (25) percent.

Cherise Burns commented on public comments during the regulatory process and stated that two-hundred ninety-three (293) comments pertained to changes not related to the most recent changes and that the Board had already discussed and resolved the issues brought up in those comments. Ms. Burns further stated that all comments are reviewed with draft Board responses along with all the materials included in the rulemaking. Ms. Burns noted that it was discovered that in the December 1, 2023, meeting minutes there seemed to be confusion regarding the number of hours allowed from courses on indirect patient/client care while discussing the issue in fractions versus percentages. Mr. Burns stated the Board adopted an increase in the allowable number of hours for courses on indirect patient/client care from seventeen (17) percent to twenty-five (25) percent and Board staff wanted to make it clear for the official record that the twenty-five (25) percent increase was the one the Board intended to approve.

Ms. Dominguez asked for Board discussion. There was no Board discussion.

Ms. Dominguez asked for public comments.

Andrea Ball on behalf of California Speech-Language Hearing Association (CSHA) expressed gratitude for the proposed changes and stated that CSHA looks forward to working with Board staff in educating the field.

Charles Sanders moved to approve the proposed regulatory text and Board responses to comments on the proposed regulatory text for Title 16, CCR sections 1399.160 through 1399.160.4, and direct Board staff to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking process, including the filing of the final rulemaking package with the Office of Administrative Law, authorize the Executive Officer to make any non-substantive changes to the proposed regulations before completing the rulemaking process, and adopt the proposed regulations at Title 16, CCR sections 1399.160 through 1399.160.4 as noticed.

Amy White seconded the motion.

The motion carried 6-0. (Ayes: Dominguez, White, Borges, Chang, Dandurand, Sanders)

4. Future Agenda Item

Ms. Dominguez asked for future agenda items. Ms. Burns stated that Board staff has no items for future agenda.

There was no Board discussion.

Ms. Dominguez asked for public comments. There were no comments from the public, outside agencies, or associations.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.