

MINUTES
UTAH SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
& AUDIOLOGY LICENSING BOARD
June 21, 2023
Hybrid Meeting with Anchor Location Room 475

CONVENED: 9:01 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 9:39 a.m.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Tracy Taylor
Katie Corak

Board Members Present:

Julia V. Lidgard, Chairperson
Shannon Wnek, Au.D
Lindsey Hardcastle
Garrett Barnes

Guests:

Erica Hansen, SLP

DOPL Staff Present:

Jana Johansen, Bureau Manager

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION
ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Elect New Board Chairperson:

Ms. Lidgard made a motion to nominate Ms. Hardcastle as chairperson. Dr. Wnek seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Dr. Wnek made a motion to approve the January 18, 2023 minutes. Ms. Lidgard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEMS:
Compact Licensure Update:

Ms. Lidgard reported that the compact is going well. More states have joined the compact, and a full-time executive director has now been hired. There will be a meeting of the entire compact committee this fall to vote on several items. This meeting will take place on the east coast but there will be a virtual attendance option. Item noted with no action taken.

Replacement Delegate for
ASLP IC Board:

Because Ms. Lidgard's term on the Board is ending, a new ASLP IC Board delegate must be selected because the Utah delegate must be a current Utah board member. Ms. Hardcastle volunteered to become Utah's new delegate. Ms. Taylor will submit the paperwork to the compact

committee to formally name Ms. Hardcastle as Utah's delegate to the ASLP IC Board.

Board Vacancies:

After today's meeting, the Board will have three vacancies to fill. Ms. Lidgard's second and final term is ending, Dr. Wnek elected not to renew her term, and Dr. Thomas resigned from the Board earlier this year. While there have been several applicants for the speech language pathologist board member seat, there has not been any interest from audiologists for their two vacant seats. Ms. Taylor asked the Board to spread the word to any Utah licensed audiologists that they may know about the two openings for audiologists on the Board. If any audiologists are interested, they need to email Ms. Taylor to express interest and she will provide them with the next steps. Ms. Taylor will also be sending an email out to all Utah licensed audiologists regarding the vacancies. Item noted with no action taken.

Support Groups:

A colleague of Ms. Lidgard's has approached her because of her position on this board to seek clarification on hosting support groups for parents of children with the same diagnosis and let them talk about living with a specific diagnosis, and supporting each other and their children who have this diagnosis. This colleague seeking clarification on whether they can do this. They also asked whether they could appoint a parent as a president of the group but still attend the group meeting. There is no money exchanged, and no treatment is provided during these meetings. Ms. Johansen, the bureau manager for the mental health professions in DOPL, explained that these support groups are fine because the speech language pathologist is not diagnosing or treating anyone, the attendees are just discussing behaviors related to a diagnosis they have already received. There is no mental health therapy provided. Ms. Johansen also stated the speech language pathologist does not need to necessarily make a parent, the president of the group, however, it's not a bad idea just to give them an extra layer of protection. Additionally, the speech language pathologist would need to stay within their scope of practice and not offer any advice related to mental health issues that that the group may discuss. Item noted with no action taken.

APPOINTMENTS:

Erica Hansen, SLP:

Ms. Hansen met with the Board to review the disciplinary action on her educator license from the Utah Board of Education that was disclosed on their speech language

pathologist license renewal. Ms. Taylor reviewed the details of the disciplinary action with the Board, and Ms. Hansen answered questions from the Board. Ms. Lidgard made a motion to renew Ms. Hansen’s license. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN:


Adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

Date: 01/17/2024

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Lindsey Hardcastle (Jan 17, 2024 12:21 MST)
Speech Language Pathology and Audiology
Licensing Board Chairperson

Date: 01/17/2024

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Bureau Manager, Division of
Professional Licensing

