

MINUTES
UTAH SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
AND AUDIOLOGY LICENSING BOARD
June 15, 2022
Electronic Meeting with Anchor Location Room 402

CONVENED: 9:06 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 9:54 a.m.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Tracy Taylor
Katie Corak

Board Members Present:

Julia V. Lidgard, Chairperson
Shannon Wnek, Au.D
Dr. Curtis G. Thomas
Lindsey Hardcastle
Garrett Barnes

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Oath of Office
Time: 3:38

Ms. Taylor administered the oath of office to new board members Curtis G. Thomas and Lindsey Hardcastle. Then the new board members introduced themselves to the Board.

Approval of Minutes
Time: 7:29

Dr. Wnek made a motion to approve the January 19, 2022 minutes. Mr. Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Introduce Tracy Taylor
Time: 8:43

New bureau manager, Tracy Taylor introduced herself to the Board. Item noted with no action taken.

Compliance Report:
Time: 8:31

Ms. Taylor reported no one is on probation at this time. Item noted with no action taken.

DISCUSSION and ACTION ITEMS:

Compact Licensure Update
Time: 10:59

Ms. Lidgard explained that there is nothing new to report on the interstate licensure compact. The committee will meet next week. Ms. Lidgard will be there as she is on the finance committee. Ms. Lidgard provided background information on the compact to the new board members. Utah still needs to have an audiologist join our delegation. Dr. Thomas volunteered to join the Utah delegation. Ms. Taylor will send

a letter to the compact committee adding Dr. Thomas to the Utah delegation. Item noted with no action taken.

Telehealth:

Time: 22:37

Dr. Wnek explained some of the confusion surrounding telehealth in the SLP/Audiology profession specifically what services can be provided via telehealth. Dr. Wnek asked whether more language about telehealth can be added to the licensing act rule. Ms. Taylor explained that because telehealth is covered in the DOPL general rule 58-1 and in the Utah Telehealth Act, licensees are allowed to practice telehealth. However, because telehealth is not in the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act it cannot not be written into the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act Rules. Dr. Wnek explained that having telehealth specifically in the licensing act rule would make it easier for clinicians find the information on telehealth, and to bill insurance companies for services provided via telehealth and be fully reimbursed. Ms. Taylor explained that the definition of telemedicine services in the Utah Telehealth Act includes clinical care, which is what Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists provide. Dr. Wnek would like to see specific services listed in the definition such as, hearing screening, autism, language and cognitive disorders. Ms. Taylor further explained that this profession is covered under the DOPL general rule, it is just not specific. They are listed as “provider” meaning any individual licensed under Title 58 to provide health care services. If the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act is ever opened and clarification is made related to telehealth, then the Board could add more clarification in the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Licensing Act Rule.

ADJOURN:

Adjourned at 9:54: 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: 01/18/2023

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Speech Language Pathology and Audiology
Licensing Board Chairperson

Date: 01/18/2023

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Bureau Manager, Division of
Professional Licensing

