



**Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board
77 South High Street, 16th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215**

Board Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, May 12, 2021

The Regular Business Meeting was called to order at 9:34 a.m. by Board President, Tammy H. Brown, held virtually due to COVID-19.

Board Officers and Members – Roll Call:

Tammy H. Brown, M.A., CCC-A, Audiology Board Member and Board President
Carrie L. Spangler, Au.D., CCC-A, Audiology Board Member and Board Secretary

Lisa Dodge Burton, Public Member (Excused absence)
Steven M. Griffin, M.A., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member
Nancy Mills, Au.D., Audiology Board Member
Barbara L. Prakup, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Speech-Language Pathology Board Member (Excused absence)
Michael R. Pratt, H.A.S., Hearing Aid Specialist Board Member
Matthew Starner, H.A.S., Hearing Aid Specialist Board Member
Stephen M. White, Esq., Public Member (Joined at approximately 12:59 p.m.)

Also Present:

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director
Connie J. Allen, Board Investigator
Cheryl R. Hawkinson, Principal Assistant Attorney General

AGENDA

The agenda for the May 12, 2021 board meeting was previously submitted for review.

Motion #1

Mr. Pratt moved to accept the agenda. Mr. Starner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 15, 2021 board meetings were reviewed.

Motion #2

Dr. Spangler moved to accept the minutes of the March 15, 2021 board meeting. Dr. Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

FORMER BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION: Karen Mitchell, Au.D

Dr. Karen Mitchell was recognized for her service on the Board. Dr. Mitchell thanked everyone and stated that it was a great privilege to serve as an audiology board member. Board members, staff, and the Assistant Attorney General expressed their appreciation to Dr. Mitchell for her service and leadership during her two terms on the previous Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and contributions during the board consolidation and transition.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Tammy Brown welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She thanked the office staff for their continued teamwork and hard work, especially during this time with increased licensure applications from spring graduations. She stated that the Executive Director's annual review is being finalized and thanked everyone for their input. She congratulated Mr. Thornton on his leadership last year during the COVID-19 pandemic. She also thanked him and Assistant Attorney General Hawkinson for their teamwork in preparing several agenda items that will be discussed during the board meeting.

FORMAL RULES HEARING – CHAPTER 119

The Board conducted a rules hearing in accordance with R.C. Chapter 119 on the following rules:

The following rule is being proposed as a new rule:

Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4747

OAC section 4747-1-24: Temporary licensure for members of the military and spouses; consideration of military experience and expedited licensure for military and spouses

This rule specifies the requirements for a temporary hearing aid dealer license, hearing aid fitter license, or trainee permit for out of state active duty members of the military and spouses. The rule specifies how the Board will document, track, prioritize and expedite the issuance of temporary licenses. The rule specifies the manner in which the Board will expedite an initial application for these licenses and permit based on the applicant's status as a member of the military or veteran, or as the spouse or surviving spouse of a member of the military or veteran. The rule specifies the requirements for renewal of an expired license for military members or the spouse of a military member. The rule specifies the requirements for members of the military or the spouse of a military members to request an extension to complete continuing education.

The following rule is being proposed as an amended rule:

Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4753

OAC section 4753-12-01: Temporary licensure for members of the military and spouses; consideration of military experience and expedited licensure for military and spouses

This rule specifies the requirements for an audiology license, speech-language pathology license, conditional speech-language pathology license, audiology aide license, or speech-language pathology aide license for out of state active duty members of the military and spouses. The rule specifies how the Board will document, track, prioritize and expedite the

issuance of temporary licenses. The rule specifies the manner in which the Board will expedite an initial application for these licenses and permit based on the applicant's status as a member of the military or veteran, or as the spouse or surviving spouse of a member of the military or veteran. The rule specifies the requirements for renewal of an expired license for military members or the spouse of a military member. The rule specifies the requirements for members of the military or the spouse of a military members to request an extension to complete continuing education.

The rules hearing convened at 10:01 a.m. and concluded at 10:15 a.m. There was no public or written testimony.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Thornton submitted a written report of significant activities occurring since the last Board meeting. He provided updates regarding:

- Significant meetings, presentations, and events
- Legislative and media contacts
- Year-to-date revenue and expenditures for FY 2021
- Significant legislation
- COVID-19 updates
- ASLP-IC Interstate Compact
- Licensure renewal extension
- Board appointments
- Ethics Financial Disclosure Statements
- State Audit for FY2020

The Board took a break at approximately 10:45 a.m. and returned to public session at approximately 10:58 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Rules Committee – Matt Starner, Chair

Mr. Starner reported that the Rules Committee met on May 6, 2021. The committee reviewed the public comments received on rules being proposed during 2021. Mr. Starner stated that the public comment period ran from March 12, 2021 through April 16, 2021. The Board received eight public comments on the proposed rules. Mr. Starner summarized the public comments and with the committee's recommendations:

Five Year Rule Review for 2021

There were no public comments received on the twenty rules scheduled for five year review in 2021. The committee recommends that the Board proceed with filing these rules with the Office of Common Sense Initiative (CSI) and Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) as no-change rules.

OAC 4747-1-11 (B)(2) – Trainee permit renewal

Mr. Starner stated that the committee reviewed the comments on the proposed rule limiting the renewal of a trainee permit to no more than twice. The committee noted that most public comments indicated the proposed language was confusing regarding the number of times a trainee permit could be renewed. Due to the statutory language under R.C. section 4747.10,

which states that the trainee permit may be renewed once after the permit expires one year from the date it was first issued, the committee recommends that the rule should be amended to more clearly reflect the statutory language.

Accordingly, the Committee recommends to amend OAC 4747-1-11(B)(2) as follows:

(2) There shall be a thirty-day period immediately following the expiration date shown on the trainee permit in which that permit may be renewed, which period applies to the time in which an application for trainee permit may be made once. It does not authorize a trainee whose permit has expired to engage in any way in the fitting and sale of hearing aids after the expiration date shown on his permit. If renewal is not effected within this thirty-day period, the trainee shall submit a renewal application and a statement attesting that the trainee has not engaged in the fitting and sale of hearing dates from the date of the expiration of the trainee permit to the present, and the prescribed fee to the board. **The board shall not renew a trainee permit to an individual more than one time.**

An individual would have up to two years to complete their supervised training under the trainee permit to take the written and practical exams.

OAC 4747-1-11 (C)(1) – Requiring that at least ten hours of continuing education be specific to certain areas.

Mr. Starner stated that most of the public comments regarding this proposed rule change believed the Board would be responsible for approving the continuing education programs obtained in the specific areas. It was noted that the three main national associations that the Board accepts for continuing education would continue to be recognized. The national associations already approve continuing education programs in specific areas, such as ethics, practice management, etc. The Board would use its continuing education audit to verify that a licensee completed at least ten hours in any of the proposed topic areas. The committee also noted that audiologists and speech-language pathologists have a similar rule in place under Chapter 4753, which requires at least ten hours of continuing education be completed specific to the clinical practice in the practitioner's area of license. The committee noted one public comment that recommended changing "and" to an "or" in the sentence that specifies the areas so that it is clear ten hours may be completed in any of the listed areas, and not all of them.

Accordingly, the Committee recommends to amend OAC 4747-1-11(C)(1) as follows:

A licensee shall earn twenty hours of continuing education within the two-year licensure period immediately preceding the licensee's renewal application. One hour of continuing education is equal to sixty minutes of continuing education. Only actual hours of education activity shall be counted. Lunches, breaks and other interruptions of the education program shall not count toward the required hours. **For a hearing aid fitter license, at least ten hours shall be specific to the measurement and testing of human hearing, the making of impressions for earmolds, or selecting and adapting of hearing aids.** Continuing education clock hours must be acquired in subjects related to hearing aid fitting or audiology.

OAC 4747-1-11 (F)(1) – Documentation of continuing education.

Mr. Starner stated that there were no public comments in opposition to the proposed amendment

requiring licensed hearing aid fitters to maintain their continuing education records for four years. He noted that the rule was being amended to be consistent with the two-year licensure period and same continuing education records retention time period for audiologists and speech-language pathologists.

Consequently, the Committee recommends that the Board proceed with amending this rule as follows:

The licensee shall retain supporting documents for inspection by the board for ~~two~~ **four** years after the date of renewal.

Based on other public comments and for clarity, the committee recommends additional changes to OAC section 4747-11:

Sections 4747-1-11(C)(1) and (C)(7) – reference to “one hour” vs. “one clock hour”

Current language:	Proposed change:
One hour of continuing education is equal to sixty minutes of continuing education.	One clock hour of continuing education is equal to sixty minutes of continuing education.

4747-1-11(C)(4) – reference to “renewal period” vs. “licensure period”

Current language:	Proposed language:
Continuing education hours may not be carried over from one renewal period to the next.	Continuing education hours may not be carried over from one licensure period to the next.

OAC 4747-1-14 – Supervision requirements for trainee permit holders.

Mr. Starner reviewed the public comments received regarding the proposed rule for supervision requirements for trainee permit holders. The committee recommends deleting the reference about remote video-conferencing applications, which was initially proposed, to prevent confusion.

Accordingly, the Committee recommends amending OAC 4747-1-14 (B)(2) as follows:

~~During the ninety calendar days immediately following the effective date of the trainee permit as shown thereon, a supervisor must be physically present with a trainee who is engaged in the fitting or selling of hearing aids. A supervisor shall be onsite and physically present with a trainee permit who is engaged in the fitting or selling of hearing aids for at least ninety days. The ninety days of onsite supervision shall occur within the first six months following the effective date of the trainee permit. If the ninety days of onsite supervision does not occur within the first six months following the effective date of the trainee permit, the trainee may request an extension from the board.~~

OAC 4747-1-17 - Require hearing aid dealers to report the sale of their business to the Board within 30 days.

Mr. Starner stated that there were no public comments in opposition to the proposed amendment

requiring hearing aid dealers to report the sale of their business to the Board within 30 days. Consequently, the committee recommends that the Board proceed with amending this rule with no further changes.

Mr. Starner stated that the committee also discussed whether the OAC section 4747-1-14 should be amended to require a report and log from trainee supervisors. Mr. Starner stated that the committee would like to explore this further. In light of the other changes being made in response to the public comments, Mr. Starner reported that the committee will be posting the updated changes for a second public comment period.

Mr. Starner also reported that during their last meeting, the committee reviewed Ohio's Fresh Start Act and the list of disqualifying offenses. He asked Principal Assistant Attorney General Hawkinson to update the Board. Ms. Hawkinson reported that she worked with the Executive Director regarding the list of offenses that would disqualify an applicant from licensure. The committee discussed whether the following offenses should be added to the list of disqualifying offenses: Domestic Violence, Medicaid Fraud, Tampering with Records, and Insurance Fraud. After discussion, the Board agreed with the committee's recommendation that these offenses should be added to the list of disqualifying offenses. The Board reviewed the committee's recommendation of disqualifying offenses that will be posted to the Board's website by June 30, 2021. The Board also determined to assess the \$25.00 fee allowed under the new law when an applicant submits a request for review.

Motion #3

Dr. Spangler moved to accept the Rules Committee report and recommendations. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #4

Dr. Spangler moved to accept the Rules Committee's report and recommendation of disqualifying offenses pursuant to Ohio's Fresh Start Act. Mr. Pratt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #5

Ms. Brown moved to assess the \$25.00 fee that may be charged to review a disqualifying offense pursuant to Ohio's Fresh Start Act. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT

There were no legal updates from Principal Assistant Attorney General Cheryl Hawkinson.

INVESTIGATIONS

A. Investigative Review Group Guidelines Proposal

Ms. Allen reported that the IRG Committee reviewed the IRG guidelines since that last board meeting. Principal Assistant Attorney General Hawkinson reviewed the current and proposed IRG guidelines with the Board. The Board had no questions or changes to the proposed guidelines. Due to excused absences by a few board members, Ms. Brown requested Mr. Thornton to send the document that Ms. Hawkinson reviewed during the investigative report, along with a proposed final IRG guidelines document, to the Board before the next meeting on June 21, 2021. The Board

will have further discussion and consider taking board action to approve the updated IRG guidelines at the next meeting. Ms. Brown also asked that the overview Ms. Hawkinson gave about the Board's process for handling complaints and investigations be included.

B. Board Actions

New Cases

There are no new cases to present to the Board for final action.

Previously Heard Cases – 1

CO2021-1520 Stephanie Summers, SP.14286

Ms. Hawkinson updated the Board on the status of CO2021-1520. Ms. Hawkinson noted that at the last meeting, the Board voted to issue Ms. Summers a notice of opportunity for hearing. Due to circumstances relating to the proposed updated IRG guidelines, Ms. Hawkinson recommended that the Board table to issue the notice of opportunity for hearing until the next meeting when the guidelines are finalized and approved.

Motion #6

Dr. Spangler moved to table issuing the notice of opportunity for hearing letter in case CO-2021-1520 until the June 21, 2021 meeting. Dr. Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Pratt abstained.

C. Investigative Report – Ms. Allen

OPENED Investigations since the last Board Meeting 3/15/2021	8
CLOSED Investigations since the last Board Meeting 3/15/2021	10
Current Open Investigations	7
Current Open Cases – Due to Monitoring Consent Agreement(s)	6
Current Open Cases – Due to Monitoring Adjudication Order(s)	1
Of Current Investigations – Consumer Complaints	0
Of Current Investigations – Referral Complaints	7

Of the Investigations currently open, the Investigative Categories are listed below:

Application Requirements Not Met	0
Billing Fraud	0
Continuing Education Violation and/or Self Report	0
Conviction	0
False or Misleading Advertisement	0
Falsified/Misleading Application	0
Illegal, Incompetent, or Habitually Negligent Practice	0
Impaired Practice	0
Misrepresentation of Credentials	0
Other	2
Practicing Under Expired/Inactive License	0
Renewal Issue	1
Supervised Professional Experience Violations	1

Unlicensed Practice	1
Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct	2

Sub-Categories – Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct

Transcript Received Late	2
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Updates Since the last meeting – Cases or Other Information Previously Heard by the Board;
Other Enforcement Activities and/or Outcome of some of the closed cases:

- Educational Letters – 2
- Referral to Other Agency - 1

Hearings

None Scheduled to date for 2021

Previously Heard Cases – 1

CO2020-13250 Daniel Barnes, SP.11547

Mr. Barnes agreed to the terms and signed the Consent. The Board President and Principal Assistant Attorney General will sign. Mr. Barnes telephoned the Investigator to express his appreciation to the Board for its thoughtfulness and understanding of his case and that he will abide by all the terms of his consent. He also thanked Ms. Allen for her professionalism, taking the time to explain the consent terms, and for keeping him updated.

Disciplinary Investigations Statistics for 2021 To Date

Disciplinary Investigative Actions Taken

Hearings	1
Adjudication Orders	1
Consent Agreements	4
Consent Agreements Non-Reportable	0
Educational Letters	5
Referrals to Prosecutor	0
Referrals to Other Agencies	4

Category of Disciplinary Investigative Actions Taken To Date

Application Requirements Not Met	0
Billing Fraud	1
Continuing Education Violation	0
Conviction – Disqualifying Offense	0
False or Misleading Advertisement	2
Falsified/Misleading Application	0
Illegal, Incompetent or Habitually Negligent Practice	0
Impaired Practice	0
Misrepresentation of Credentials	0
Other	0
Practicing Under Expired/Inactive License	0
Renewal Issue	15
Supervised Professional Experience Violations	3
Unlicensed Practice	3

Unprofessional/Unethical Conduct

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LICENSURE APPROVAL – CARRIE SPANGLER**A. License Review****Motion #7**

Dr. Spangler moved to ratify the Audiology, Hearing Aid Dealers, Hearing Aid Fitters, Hearing Aid Satellites, Conditional Speech-Language Pathology, Speech-Language Pathology, Aide, and Trainee Permit licenses granted by the Executive Director since the last Board Meeting. Mr. Pratt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

License: Number	Issue Date	Applicant Full Name
<u>AIDE.10122-A</u>	3/8/2021	Penny May
<u>AIDE.10121-A</u>	3/8/2021	Jacinda Lou Peck
<u>SP.14325</u>	3/16/2021	Diedre Dennis Lambinico
<u>TEMP.00044-SP</u>	3/17/2021	Kathryn Davidson
<u>IL.03447</u>	3/19/2021	Rylee Shimmer
<u>SP.14328</u>	3/19/2021	Phillip E. Lunt
<u>IL.03446</u>	3/19/2021	Corey L Nelson
<u>SP.14326</u>	3/19/2021	Maya Jessica Brown
<u>IL.03448</u>	3/19/2021	Helena A Newman
<u>SP.14327</u>	3/19/2021	Marla Alana Ladikos
<u>A.02301</u>	3/23/2021	Kevin Burkitt
<u>SP.14330</u>	3/23/2021	Shari Ann Hazlett
<u>AIDE.10123-A</u>	3/23/2021	Julia Watkins
<u>SP.14329</u>	3/23/2021	Claire Pilewski
<u>A.02300</u>	3/23/2021	Hannah B. Ross
<u>HAD.00107-SAT</u>	3/23/2021	Michael D. Gedeon
<u>HAD.00109-SAT</u>	3/24/2021	James O. Dye
<u>SP.14331</u>	3/24/2021	Bridget Klein
<u>SP.14334</u>	3/24/2021	Emily Christina Lammers
<u>SP.14341</u>	3/24/2021	Carly Starkey
<u>SP.14336</u>	3/24/2021	Corinne Elizabeth Casey
<u>SP.14339</u>	3/24/2021	Jerrica Leigh Holthaus
<u>SP.14335</u>	3/24/2021	Amy Roth
<u>SP.14332</u>	3/24/2021	Madeline Petrich
<u>SP.14337</u>	3/24/2021	Alyssa Renae Melendez
<u>SP.14340</u>	3/24/2021	Samantha Kohls
<u>SP.14333</u>	3/24/2021	Emily Kathryn Ankeney
<u>SP.14338</u>	3/24/2021	Caroline Claire Goodpaster

<u>HAD.00108-SAT</u>	3/24/2021	Kelli Denee Monds
<u>AIDE.10124-A</u>	3/25/2021	Kathryn Johnson
<u>SP.14342</u>	3/29/2021	Lisa Marie Kitzler
<u>SP.14343</u>	3/29/2021	Brittany Fletcher
<u>SP.14344</u>	3/29/2021	Ellen Marie DiSorbo
<u>SP.14345</u>	3/30/2021	Elizabeth Ashley Holley
<u>SP.14349</u>	4/5/2021	Ashley McCurry
<u>SP.14346</u>	4/5/2021	Lila Almond
<u>SP.14347</u>	4/5/2021	Olivia Wilson
<u>SP.14348</u>	4/5/2021	Alexandria Anastasia Grant
<u>SP.14350</u>	4/6/2021	Elizabeth Argiro
<u>TP.11248</u>	4/6/2021	Courtney Lyne Lofton
<u>COND.20211612-SP</u>	4/8/2021	ZAIN SALIH NAJAR
<u>SP.14352</u>	4/9/2021	Delia Elizabeth Andrea Ryan
<u>SP.14353</u>	4/12/2021	Karly Marie Wiley
<u>SP.14354</u>	4/12/2021	Lindsay Marie Boss
<u>SP.14355</u>	4/12/2021	Julie Marie Appel
<u>SP.14358</u>	4/14/2021	Lauren Jones
<u>SP.14360</u>	4/14/2021	Tarynn Nicoal Clune
<u>SP.14356</u>	4/14/2021	Katelyn Bier
<u>SP.14357</u>	4/14/2021	Bridget Ann Troiani
<u>SP.14359</u>	4/14/2021	Ashley Megan Ross
<u>HAD.00110-SAT</u>	4/15/2021	Debra H Valatka
<u>HAD.00111-SAT</u>	4/15/2021	Debra H Valatka
<u>TP.11249</u>	4/15/2021	Haley Fay King
<u>SP.14361</u>	4/15/2021	William Edward Ryan
<u>A.02302</u>	4/15/2021	Laura Costa
<u>SP.14364</u>	4/20/2021	Hannah Marie Howard
<u>SP.14362</u>	4/20/2021	Diana Emily Poliuk
<u>SP.14363</u>	4/20/2021	Kristi Noelle Crumrine
<u>AIDE.10125-A</u>	4/21/2021	Shayna Stanley
<u>SP.14365</u>	4/22/2021	Allyse Gastel
<u>SP.14367</u>	4/22/2021	Allison Waro
<u>SP.14366</u>	4/22/2021	Seara Mayanja
<u>A.02303</u>	4/27/2021	Talya Zell
<u>SP.14369</u>	4/29/2021	Mckenzie Ann Marson
<u>SP.14370</u>	4/29/2021	Rachel Morgan McKenna
<u>SP.14368</u>	4/29/2021	Carleton Levert
<u>SP.14377</u>	4/30/2021	AnnaKate Spotts

<u>SP.14373</u>	4/30/2021	Hayley Saneholtz
<u>SP.14374</u>	4/30/2021	Kayla Jane Corne
<u>SP.14371</u>	4/30/2021	Erika P. Gaytan
<u>IL.03449</u>	4/30/2021	Russell Martin Foss
<u>SP.14376</u>	4/30/2021	Hannah Pike
<u>SP.14372</u>	4/30/2021	Nardine Taleb
<u>SP.14375</u>	4/30/2021	Lindsey Richards
<u>COND.20211617-SP</u>	5/3/2021	Megan Katherine Vine
<u>A.02304</u>	5/3/2021	Ian Robert Silver
<u>TEMP.00045-SP</u>	5/3/2021	Jessica Leigh Daniels
<u>COND.20211616-SP</u>	5/3/2021	Emily Josephine Clark
<u>COND.20211618-SP</u>	5/3/2021	Theresa Adams
<u>COND.20211613-SP</u>	5/3/2021	Jenelle Marie Kuhlman
<u>COND.20211614-SP</u>	5/3/2021	Anne Elizabeth McBride
<u>COND.20211615-SP</u>	5/3/2021	Rebecca Ebert
<u>SP.14378</u>	5/4/2021	Jonathan Reiter

Audiology Aides

None

Speech-Language Pathology Aides
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None

Licensure Applications

None

Special Applications

None

LICENSING SUMMARY

(Note: includes licensees with 12/31/2022 and 07/01/2021 expiration date)

Audiology	1,100
Audiology Aide	99
Conditional Speech-Language Pathology	350
Dual – Audiology and Speech-Language	32
Hearing Aid Dealers	237
Hearing Aid Satellites	420
Hearing Aid Fitters	469
Inactive Audiology	67
Inactive Speech-Language Pathology	375
Speech-Language Pathology	8,157
Speech-Language Pathology Aide	5

Trainee Permit Holders	47
<u>TOTAL</u>	11,358

Pending Renewals (Note: as of 05/05/2021)

(Note: summary reflects licensees with a 7/1/2021 expiration date)

Audiology	180
Audiology Aide	38
Hearing Aid Dealers	75
Hearing Aid Satellites	184
Hearing Aid Fitters	160
Inactive Audiology	30
Inactive Speech-Language Pathology	171
Speech-Language Pathology	1,819
Speech-Language Pathology Aide	2
Total Licensees with 7/1/2021 expiration date:	2,659

(Note: Pending Renewals as of 3/15/2021 total was 2,912)

BOARD BUSINESS

A. HHAO Spring Conference – Update

The conference agenda for the virtual spring conference held on March 20, 2021, sponsored by the Hearing Healthcare Alliance of Ohio, was reviewed. Mr. Thornton, Ms. Brown, and Mr. Starner attended the virtual conference. The conference registration amount was \$99.00 per person for a total of \$297.00.

Motion #8

Dr. Spangler moved to ratify the conference registrations for Tammy Brown, Gregg Thornton, and Matt Starner at the HHAO virtual Spring Conference on March 20, 2021 in the amount of \$297.00. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Brown and Mr. Starner abstained.

B. OSLHA Virtual Conference – Update

The conference program and registration fees for the Ohio Speech-Language Hearing Association's Virtual Learning Academy was reviewed. The virtual programs are available through June 30, 2021. Since the Board was a paid exhibitor, all exhibitors will receive two fifty percent discounts off the registration.

Motion #9

Mr. Pratt moved to approve up to five people to register for the OSLHA Virtual Learning Academy available through June 30, 2021. Dr. Spangler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

C. IHS Conference

The Board reviewed the conference program and registration fees for the International Hearing Society (IHS) 69th annual conference in San Diego from August 12-14, 2021. The Board noted

that the IHS conference will not include the licensure board conference since it was held virtually in October 2021. Board staff will not attend the conference.

Motion #10

Dr. Mills moved to approve Michael Pratt and Matt Starner to attend IHS conference in San Diego, CA from August 12-14, 2021, pending out-of-state travel approval by the State of Ohio. Mr. Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

D. NCSB Conference

The Board reviewed the conference program and registration fees for the National Council of State Boards of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (NCSB) annual fall conference in Williamsburg, VA from October 6-10, 2021. The Board noted that it holds membership to this national association of regulatory boards. The Board's Executive Director is currently serving as president and the Board's president is serving on the board of directors. This conference also includes a one day new board member training workshop. The Board has sponsored the conference in the past and invited Assistant Attorney General Hawkinson to attend.

Motion #11

Mr. Pratt moved to approve up eight people, including Assistant Attorney General Cheryl Hawkinson, to attend the NCSB fall conference from October 6-10, 2021 in Williamsburg, VA, pending out-of-state travel approval by the State of Ohio. Mr. Starner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion #12

Dr. Spangler moved to authorize the Board to expend \$2,000 to serve as a platinum sponsor of the NCSB fall conference from October 6-10, 2021 in Williamsburg, VA. Dr. Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. OSSPEAC Conference and OAA Conference

Mr. Thornton reported that the Ohio School Speech Pathology and Educational Audiology Coalition (OSSPEAC) fall conference will be virtual. The Ohio Academy of Audiology (OAA) fall conference will be held from September 21-22, 2021 in Dublin, Ohio. The Board has presented and served as exhibitors at these conferences in the past. OSSPEAC and OAA are still finalizing details about their conferences.

Motion #13

Mr. Griffin moved to table the OSSPEAC and OAA conferences until the June 21, 2021 board meeting. Dr. Mills seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER – Stephen M. White, Esq.

Mr. Stephen M. White, Esq. joined the meeting and was welcomed as the new public member on the board. Mr. White was appointed as a public member on March 3, 2021. He presently serves as the Vice President of Strategic Initiatives, Business Development and External Affairs, and In-House Counsel for the Center for Science and Industry (COSI) in Columbus. Prior to his position at COSI, Mr. White served as the Central Ohio Director and General Counsel for the United States Senate - Office of U.S. Senator Rob Portman. He is a licensed attorney and received his Juris Doctorate degree for The Ohio State University Michael E. Moritz College of Law. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and English/Pre-Law from The Ohio State University. He also holds a Master of Arts in Public Policy and Management from

The Ohio State University John Glenn School of Public Affairs. Board members introduced themselves and are looking forward to working with Mr. White.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence discussed at the meeting.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

There were no comments from members of the public or professional organizations.

MEMBER CONCERNS

There were no board member concerns brought forward at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.



Tammy H. Brown, Board President



Carrie L. Spangler, Board Secretary

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Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

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