



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (Board), pursuant to Chapter 119, of the Ohio Revised Code, hereby gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of considering the adoption, amendment, and recession of rules.

The public hearing will be conducted on **Wednesday, October 7, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.** **Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the public hearing will be conducted virtually via Skype Meeting. Anyone wishing to attend and/or testify can join by calling (614) 721-2972 and entering the Conference ID: 609204321.** The public hearing will continue until all parties in attendance have had an opportunity to be heard.

Oral or written testimony may be presented by any person affected by the proposed action.

The following rules are being proposed as amended rules:

4753-3-07 – Professional Experience Requirements

This rule specifies the professional experience requirements for licensure of applicants for speech-language pathology. A proposed amendment corrects a reference to the passing score for the national exam, e.g., removing the former passing score, e.g., 600 and replacing it with verbiage that reflects the current passing score for the qualifying examinations for speech-language pathology and audiology, e.g., 162 or above for the “Praxis Speech-Language Pathology: 5331” test, 162 or above for the “Praxis Audiology: 5343” test, or 170 or above for the “Praxis Audiology: 5342” test.

4753-3-12 – Summary suspension for human trafficking conviction

This rule specifies the process for summary suspension of a license for a human trafficking conviction. The only amendment to this rule is to remove a reference to the former “Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology” and replace with the current board name, e.g., “Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board.”

4753-11-01 – Definitions for accessing confidential personal information

This rule sets forth the definitions of terms referenced under this chapter relating to accessing confidential personal information. The only amendment to this rule is to remove a reference to the former “Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology” and replace with the current board name, e.g., “Ohio Speech and Hearing Professionals Board.”

A copy of the proposed rules referenced above may be downloaded from the Register of Ohio at www.registerohio.state.oh.us. In addition, individuals may request a complete text of the proposed rules by contacting the Board office at the address and/or telephone number noted below. Requests may also be submitted via e-mail at Gregg.Thornton@shp.ohio.gov.

All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing. Those persons who wish to provide oral testimony at the hearing are encouraged to inform the Board prior to the hearing date and may be given preference in the order of testimony.

Written testimony received by the Board by the close of business the day before the hearing is scheduled will be considered. Written testimony in lieu of oral testimony may be submitted by:

Written testimony via e-mail to Gregg.Thornton@shp.ohio.gov **(Note: written testimony by e-mail must be received no later than one day prior to the hearing date)**
Written testimony mailed to the attention of: **(Note: written testimony by mail must be received at the board office no later than Thursday, October 1, 2020.)**

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