



Government of the District of Columbia
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Board of Audiology and Speech Language Pathology

MEETING MINUTES

899 NORTH CAPITOL STREET, NE
ROOM 216
WASHINGTON, DC 20002

OPEN SESSION

April 21, 2014

9:00am-10:30pm

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BOARD MEMBERSHIP/ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:	GABRIELE S. NICOLET, CHAIRPERSON	PRESENT
	DIANE BREWER, BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT
	KATHLEEN HOSTY, BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT
	STEPHANIE MARSHALL, BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT
STAFF:	ROBIN Y. JENKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	PRESENT
	ERIC YEAGER, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	PRESENT
	LEONARD HOWARD, INVESTIGATOR	ABSENT
	EMILIA MORAN, INVESTIGATOR	PRESENT
LEGAL STAFF:	PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ESQ, BOARD ATTORNEY	PRESENT



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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

	<p><u>Senior Deputy Director's Report</u></p> <p>Board Action: Dr. Rikin Mehta introduced himself to the Board members and briefly noted that he looked forward to working with them in the future.</p>	
	<p><u>Executive Director's Report</u></p> <p>Board Action: Executive Director Robin Jenkins reported that the licensee census, noting that there are currently 554 Speech-Language Pathologists and 96 Audiologists. She added that 60 licenses were issued since the October 21 meeting.</p>	
	<p><u>Board Chair's Report:</u> Board Chair Gabriele Nicolet reported that she spoke at the District of Columbia Speech-Language Hearing Association meeting in March and spoke on the status of the legislative changes here in the District and addressed licensing questions posed by members of the audience.</p> <p>She then noted that Jeri Berman, director at Metropolitan Area Communication Services, is an expert on licensing standards and has expressed an interest in assisting the Board with implementing the new licensure guidelines for SLP Assistants and Audiology Assistants. The Board Chair promised to reach out to Ms. Berman about attending the next Board meeting to assist in this effort.</p>	



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	<p><u>Board Attorney's Report:</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board Attorney noted that the Omnibus legislation passed but that technical amendments will have to be made because all of the Board's amendments were not included.</p>	
OS-0421-01	<p><u>OPEN SESSION MINUTES</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board approved the Open Session Minutes of the April 21, 2014 meeting with the correction that the words "Executive Session" be removed from the top of the Open Session page and replaced by "Open Session."</p>	
OS-0421-02	<p><u>CLINICAL FELLOWS, AUDIOLOGY ASSISTANTS, AND SLP ASSISTANTS</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board members discussed a number of changes to the existing regulations to reflect their intent regarding Audiology Assistants and SLP Assistants, and agreed to address these areas further at the next meeting with the help of Jeri Berman, an expert on licensing standards and director of Metropolitan Area Communications Services. The Board further discussed assigning members to a committee for handling the bulk of these changes to the regulations. The Board tabled then discussion of Clinical Fellows.</p>	
OS-0421-03	<p><u>DRAFT REGULATIONS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS AND SLPs TO ACCOMMODATE ASHA'S MUTUAL RECOGNITION AGREEMENT</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board approved the draft for the Mutual Recognition Agreement.</p>	
OS-0421-04	<p><u>FUTURE MEETING DATES</u> <u>Board Action:</u> The Board that the next two meetings would be held on July 21, 2014 and October 20, 2014, and that subsequent dates would be determined at the latter meeting.</p>	



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	THE OPEN SESSION CONCLUDED AT 11:50 a.m.	

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