



Government of the District of Columbia  
Department of Health

**BOARD of AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**

**899 NORTH CAPITOL ST. NE – 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR.  
WASHINGTON, DC 20002**

**DECEMBER 21, 2015**

**9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.**

**MEETING AGENDA**



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OPEN SESSION DECEMBER 21, 2015

Call to Order Time:

	<u>Executive Director's Report:</u>	
	<u>Chairperson's Report:</u>	
	<u>Board Attorney's Report</u>	
OS-1221-01	<b>MINUTES</b> <u>Board Action:</u> Consideration of the Open Session Minutes of the October 19, 2015 meeting.	
OS-1221-02	<u>CLINICAL FELLOWS, AUDIOLOGY ASSISTANTS, AND SLP ASSISTANTS UPDATE</u> <u>Board Action:</u> Discussion of next subcommittee meeting dates for research on the SLP Assistants issue.	

This completes the OPEN SESSION Agenda

**TO BE READ BY THE CHAIRPERSON PRIOR TO THE END OF THE PUBLIC SESSION**

This concludes the public open session meeting and pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575B and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will now move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting.



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**OCTOBER 19, 2015**

**9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.**

**OPEN SESSION  
MEETING MINUTES**



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OPEN SESSION MINUTES OCTOBER 2015

ATTENDANCE:

BOARD MEMBERS:		
	GABRIELE S. NICOLET, CHAIRPERSON	Present
	STEPHANIE MARSHALL. BOARD MEMBER	Present
STAFF:	ROBIN Y. JENKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	Present
	ERIC YEAGER, HEALTH LICENSING SPECIALIST	Present
	LEONARD HOWARD, INVESTIGATOR	Present
LEGAL STAFF:	PANRAVEE VONGJAROENRAT, ASSISTANT GENERAL COUNSEL	Present
GUESTS:	Wanda Colston, Ph. D., University of the District of Columbia	Present

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES OCTOBER 2015

OPEN SESSION: Call to Order

	<p><u>Executive Director’s Report:</u></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The Executive Director reported there is legislation before the D.C. City Council that would require all licensed health professionals in the city to complete two (2) CEUs in training related to treating gay, lesbian, bisexual, queer and transgender clients. This legislation would require licences to complete this training every two years for licensure renewal.</p>	
	<p><u>Chairperson’s Report:</u></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The Board Chair asked Board Member Stephanie Marshall to report on her trip to the National Council of State Boards of Examiners (NCSB) conference held in Charlotte, North Carolina, from October 8-10. Board Member Marshall reported that this conference handled an array of licensing and policy issues and discussed some of the possible challenges that state licensing boards may face as a result of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in the North Carolina Board of Dentistry case.</p>	
	<p><u>Board Attorney’s Report</u></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> There was no report.</p>	
OS-1019-01	<p><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The Open Session Minutes of the June 1, 2015 meeting were approved.</p>	
OS-1019-02	<p><u>CLINICAL FELLOWS, AUDIOLOGY ASSISTANTS, AND SLP ASSISTANTS UPDATE</u></p> <p><b>Board Action:</b> The Board discussed the registration of SLP Assistants (SLPAs) with visitor Wanda Colston, Ph. D., Program Director of Speech and Language Pathology Program at the University of the District of Columbia. Dr. Colston expressed doubts about the practicality of an SLPA certification based on individuals with undergraduate SLP degrees. She noted that UDC discontinued its undergraduate</p>	



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program in 2011 and that Howard University and Gallaudet University have only graduate programs. Locally, the University of Maryland is the only major school with an undergraduate program, and when one considers that the average salary of SLPA is about \$35,000 nationally, we must question what the SLPA market is and how much it would cost a university to run such a program, Dr. Colston said. Further, if a university did decide to create an undergraduate SLPA program, it would take at least a year to do so, she added.

Finding that many issues were raised in this discussion, the Board decided to take a closer look at the SLPA market in a six-month study. Board Member Stephanie Marshall agreed to lead this study, and Dr. Colston agreed to assist her.

The OPEN SESSION concluded at 10:45 a.m.