

West Virginia Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

**December 12, 2019
Board Meeting**

Time: 5:00 PM
Location: Video Conference Meeting
Board Office
99 Edmiston Way – Suite 214
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Present: Board President, Erin Browning
Board Secretary, Vickie Pullins
Board Member, Michael Zagarella
Citizen Member, Joe E. Richards
Keith Fisher, Assistant Attorney General
Rhea Dyer, SLP
Kelly Woodward
Executive Director, Patricia Nesbitt at the Board Office

President Erin Browning called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Kelly Woodward discussed her communication disorders education and Speech Pathology work history with the Board. She is requesting the Board's consideration and requirements for licensure after 18 years of inactivity.

The minutes of the October 22, 2019 meeting were presented. Vickie Pullins made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Joe Richards noted a spelling error – Richard to Richards. Joe made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Motion was seconded and carried.

The PCard Expenses for September and October, 2019 were presented. Board Financials for September, October and November were presented. The November 30, 2019 cash balance is \$247,831.25. The PCard cycles of 08/16/19 – 09/16/19 totaling \$1,425.94 and 09/17/19 – 10/15/19 totaling \$2,231.80 were presented as itemized. Joe Richards made a motion to accept the PCard Expenses and Financials as presented. Vickie Pullins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Joe Richards made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mike Zagarella seconded the motion. Executive session began at 5:12 PM.

Joe Richards made a motion at 6:54 PM to end Executive Session. Vickie Pullins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Complaint #52 – Vickie Pullins made a motion that a Consent Agreement be offered to Ms. Gallaher with no less than a one-year license suspension pending a satisfactory mental and physical evaluation by Board approved healthcare practitioners, as well as compliance with license continuing education requirements. If the Consent Agreement is not accepted, the Board will seek disciplinary actions in a hearing.

Mike Zagarella seconded the motion. Motion carried. Erin Browning recused and removed herself from the room during deliberations and recused herself from the vote.

Kelly Woodward – Based on WV Statute and Rules, Ms. Woodward will be required to pass the Praxis and complete a Postgraduate Professional Agreement. No vote was required.

OLD BUSINESS

Interstate Compact – Vickie Pullins discussed her meeting yesterday, December 11th with Senator Eric Tarr. Senator Tarr has agreed to sponsor the Interstate Compact bill in the Senate and suggested Vickie contact Delegate Amy Summers to sponsoring the bill in the House. The feedback received was very positive and optimistic.

Regulatory Software – Patty Nesbitt reported all the licensee database information is in the process of being sent to inLumon. The next step is updating all the forms and submitting them, as well. The forms will also be sent to the Board members for their review.

FARB Regulatory Law Seminar – Five Boards (Speech & Audiology, Veterinarian, Imaging, Accountancy & Dental) shared the expense for Keith Fisher, Assistant Attorney General to attend the law seminar October 3rd – 6th. Keith reported many different topics were discussed with a case law follow-up. The hot topic, overall, was deregulation. He found it very interesting and definitely felt it was worth the time and money.

Each board's contribution for Keith's attendance was \$389.71.

NEW BUSINESS

Patty Nesbitt received a request from a licensee who applied and received her provisional license in September 2019. She had medical issues related to a pregnancy and was not able to work so she requested her license effective date be changed to a February, 2020 date when she does begin working. A provisional license can be renewed one time for the Postgraduate Professional Experience so she will be required to renew her license to complete her Experience.

Website Frequently Ask Questions – The legislature recommended all websites include a page/section for “Frequently Ask Questions.” Erin Browning and Patty Nesbitt will write a list of questions to be reviewed by the Board at a future meeting. The topic was tabled for a future meeting.

The FARB Forum conference January 23 – 26th in Colorado Springs was discussed. Erin Browning and Vickie Pullins are unable to attend this year. Mike Zagarella will advise if his schedule is open for the days of the conference.

Vickie Pullins made a motion to adjourn. Mike Zagarella seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Nesbitt, Executive Director
for
Vickie Pullins, Board Secretary

