

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

**April 13, 2020**

**Time:** 5:00 PM  
**Location:** Emergency Board Meeting via Video Conference from Remote Sites

**Present:** Board President, Erin Browning  
Board Secretary, Vickie Pullins  
Board Member, Dr. Michael Zagarella  
Board Member, Dr. Vernon Mullins  
Citizen Member, Joe Richards  
Keith Fisher, Assistant Attorney General – Board Attorney  
Patty Nesbitt, Executive Director

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

Keith Fisher explained to the Board that based on information received from the Secretary of State's office, the Board will be unable to file the Emergency Rule voted on during the April 8<sup>th</sup> emergency meeting. The Board had previously suspended a portion of §29-01 as authorized by the Governor's Executive Order 7-20. The Secretary of State's office shows the Rule as being suspended so a change by Emergency Rule cannot be done at this time. The Board is, however, allowed to suspend another portion of §29-01. The Board discussed licensure fees and requirements for Dept. of Education speech pathologists.

Mike Zagarella made a motion to temporarily suspend two Rules; §29-1-10.4a & §29-1-10.4a, until June 30, 2020 for those individuals currently certified as Speech Pathologists by the Dept. of Education with all other Board requirements for licensure intact. Vernon Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Keith Fisher will produce the document for submission to the Secretary of State's office. The same document will be submitted to Lee Ann Brammer, Dept. of Education and posted on the Board website and the Board Facebook page.

Vern Mullins made a motion to adjourn. Mike Zagarella seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 5:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia J. Nesbitt for  
Vickie Pullins, Secretary