

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

March 11, 2021

Emergency 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
Board Member, Vernon Mullins
Citizen Member, Joe E. Richards
Executive Director, Patricia Nesbitt – Board Office

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

Patty Nesbitt presented the information received from the WV House of Delegates Attorney regarding the Hearing Aid Dealers and Fitters Board financial issues. The House of Delegates is requesting the Board of Speech and Audiology accept the Hearing Aid Dealers & Fitters Board as part of the Speech and Audiology Board.

Vernon Mullins made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mike Zagarella seconded the motion. Motion carried at 5:16 PM.

Vern Mullins made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Joe Richards seconded the motion. Motion carried at 5:37 PM.

Vernon Mullins made a motion to say “no” to the Legislature’s request. Vickie Pullins requested the email Vernon Mullins received from Dr. Gary Harris be sent with the Board’s response to the Legislature. The Board members believe the disparity in education and qualifications between a hearing aid dealer/fitter (GED or high school diploma) and the doctoral level audiologist is vast and should not be included in the same law and legislative code rule. Mike Zagarella seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Patty Nesbitt will send the Board's response to the House of Delegates attorney the following day, March 12, 2021.

Vickie Pullins made a motion to adjourn. Joe Richards seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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