

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

July 8, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM Board Meeting
Location: Video Conference Meeting
Board Office
99 Edmiston Way – Suite 214
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Present: Board President, Vickie Pullins
Board Secretary, Amber Settles
Board Member, Dr. Michael Squires
Board Member, Heather Waselchalk
Board Member, Amanda Bonner
Board Member, Ruth Rowan
Board Attorney, Joanne Vella

Executive Director, Pamela Coughlin

The July 8, 2025, meeting of the West Virginia Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was called to order at the Board office at 99 Edmiston Way, Buckhannon, West Virginia, via Zoom at 5:30 PM by Board President Vickie Pullins. Agenda and Zoom invitation were put on the Boards website for the public to attend via telephone.

Dr. Michael Squires made a motion to approve the agenda. Ruth Rowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Amanda Bonner made a motion to approve April PCard. Amber Settles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Amber Settles made a motion to approve for May 15, 2025 minutes. Dr. Squires seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Heather Waselchalk made a motion to charge a \$25 annual fee for the Interstate Compact. Ruth Rowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Squires made a motion to sponsor National Council of State Boards conference for \$1500. Amber settles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Susan Adams, with American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (AHSA), updated us on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) decision. ASHA had over 20,000 people sign the petition for CMS to reverse their decision. CMS is not allowing licensees in their clinical fellowship to bill Medicare part B services in nursing facilities, hospitals, private pay and etc. She mentioned they reached out to the National Associations like skilled nursing facilities to help.

Vickie Pullins recommended the Board office send a letter to the Speech Pathologists via email and put the letter on our website.

Pam Coughlin reviewed continuing education audit on a licensee that sent their hours later than 30 days. Vickie Pullins recommended the Board to send a letter to the licensee and their employer. Joanne Vella will look into how to handle this situation.

Pam Coughlin updated the Board on the Hearing Aid Dealers companies that were not licensed. All five companies have been licensed with the Board.

Ms. Coughlin discussed Hearing Aid Dealer companies not wanting to renew their license because an Audiologist at the site is dispensing the hearing aids and not a hearing aid dispenser.. Vickie Pullins and Amanda Bonner are going to reach out to other states and to see how their states' rules manage company licenses.

Amber Settles made motion to adjourn. Ruth Rowan seconded motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Coughlin

Pamela Coughlin, Executive Director
for
Amber Settles, Board Secretary