

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

January 11, 2022

Board Meeting

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

Present Board President, Vernon Mullins
Board Secretary, Vickie Pullins
Board Member, Michael Zagarella
Citizen Member, Joe E. Richards
Executive Director, Patricia Nesbitt – Board Office
Administrative Assistant, Pamela Coughlin – Board Office

Vernon Mullins called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

Joe Richards made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mike Zagarella seconded the motion. Motion carried at 5:10 PM. Vickie Pullins recused herself and left the meeting before going into Executive Session to discuss complaint #55.

Joe Richards made a motion to end Executive Session. Mike Zagarella seconded the motion. Executive Session ended at 5:43 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

Complaint #55- Mike Zagarella made a motion for Patty Nesbitt to submit to the Board Articles, Sections of WV Code and Legislative Code Rule that were violated, as well as the following disciplinary actions to be included in the Consent Agreement:

- License probation for a period of one (1) year from the date of the execution of the Consent Agreement.
- Licensee must notify the employer in writing of the one (1) year probation and provide the employer with a copy of this Consent Agreement. Licensee must verify in writing to the Board that her employer has been notified of her probation and did receive a copy of this Consent Agreement.
- Licensee must submit quarterly self-supervision reports to the Board on the form provided by the Board.
- Licensee must submit to the Board a copy of the employer's annual performance evaluation at the end of her one (1) year probation.

Patty Nesbitt will send information to the Board Attorney and request we have the Consent Agreement by February 14, 2022.

Joe Richards seconded the motion. Motioned carried.

Vickie Pullins returned to the meeting after the discussion of Complaint #55 was complete.

REGULAR BUSINESS

The Financial Report and PCard Reports for September, October, November & December 2021 were presented and discussed. Vickie Pullins made a motion to accept the financials and PCard reports as presented. Joe Richard seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Michael Zagarella nominated Vernon Mullins for President of the Board with Vickie Pullins to remain as Secretary of the Board. Joe Richards seconded the nominations. Motion Carried.

The Board is very appreciative to Erin Browning for her exemplary leadership as President of the Board for the past several years.

OLD BUSINESS

The National Council of State Boards of Examiners 2021 conference was reviewed. Vickie Pullins discussed Hearing Aids and Interstate Compact as the hot topics at the conference. Mike Zagarella stated Cultural Competence was talked about and Vickie Pullins stated it is an ASHA requirement.

The Board had a brief discussion about Hearing Aid Dealers combining with our Board. The Hearing Aid Dealers Board of Ohio joined the Ohio Board of Speech and Audiology a few years ago. Vern Mullins is going to reach out to Gregg Thornton, Executive Director of the Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology to join us at our next board meeting to discuss Ohio's successes with combining the two boards.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Joe Richards made the motion to approve the minutes for the August 23,2021 as presented. Vickie Pullins seconded the motion. Motioned carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Vickie Pullins and Pam Coughlin would like to attend FARB in Fort Worth, Texas on January 27th thru January 30, 2022. Mike Zagarella made a motion to send Vickie and Pam to FARB. Joe Richards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the 2022 WVSHA Conference on March 9th,10th, and 11th. Patty Nesbitt suggested we have a table at the conference and mentioned it would be good training for Pam Coughlin. Vickie Pullins made a motion for the Board to sponsor a table at WVSHA. Joe Richards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Patty Nesbitt's retirement proposal. Patty will retire on June 1, 2022 but will return as a contract employee on a as needed basis to assist Pam Coughlin through Appropriations, License renewal, CE Audit, and other training she may need. Joe Richards made the motion to except Patty Nesbitt's retirement proposal. Vickie Pullin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board agreed to the next Board meeting will be on February 15, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Vickie Pullins made the motion to adjourn. Joe Richards seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Coughlin, Administrative Assistant for
Vickie Pullins, Board Secretary