West Virginia Board of Examiners for

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

February 19, 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

 Board Member, Vernon Mullins

 Citizen Member, Joe E. Richards

 Board Attorney, Keith Fisher, Asst. Atty. General

 Licensee, Rhea Dyer, CCC-SLP

 Executive Director, Patricia Nesbitt – Board Office

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Erin Browning, Board President, opened the meeting by reading the Board’s Mission Statement.

The minutes of meetings on August 28, 2018 & January 8, 2019 were presented. Vern Mullins made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mike Zagarella seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The PCard Expenses, PCard Travel Expenses and the Financial Report were presented. Vickie Pullins made a motion to approved all reports as presented. Vern Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vernon Mullins made a motion to go into Executive session. Mike Zagarella seconded the motion. Motion carried at 5:22 PM.

Vernon Mullins made a motion to end Executive session. Joe Richards seconded the motion. Executive session ended at 6:08 PM.

Complaint #52 - Michael Zagarella made a motion that Keith Fisher, Board Attorney, draft a Supervisory Agreement for Amanda Gallaher’s Probation Plan (Complaint #52). The draft will be reviewed and approved by the Board President, Erin Browning. Vernon Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Compliant #53 – Vernon Mullins made a motion due to insufficient substantial evidence, Complaint #53 is dismissed. Mike Zagarella seconded the motion. Complaint #53 is dismissed.

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OLD BUSINESS

Erin Browning expressed her gratitude to the Board for being able to attend the FARB Forum in New Orleans the last week of January.

Based on information from FARB and other regulatory boards, she is currently working on a public outreach campaign and will have further information at the April board meeting.

Erin also discussed her meeting with CE Broker at FARB. The CE service is no charge to the Board and no charge to the licensee. Erin does feel their service is worth considering.

The Board discussed the audit of continuing education instead of requiring the continuing education documentation submission at the time of renewal. Vickie Pullins made a motion to implement audit verification of continuing education every two years after license renewal is complete. Mike Zagarella seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The required Legislative Rule will be revised by Patty Nesbitt and presented to the Board at the April board meeting for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

Patty Nesbitt requested an approval for a vendor table at the WVSHA conference in Bridgeport, WV from April 3rd thru April 5th, 2019. Vickie Pullins made a motion for the Board be present at WVSHA with a vendor table and small gift(s) for attendees. Mike Zagarella seconded the motion. Motion carried.

After a discussion of the total estimated dollar amount, Mike Zagarella made a motion for the Board to pay Vickie Pullins’ travel expenses (air, hotel & meals) to San Antonio, TX for the NCSB Board of Director’s planning meeting on March 1st & 2nd, 2019. Joe Richards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Erin Browning discussed her recent licensure presentation with WVU grad students. She will also be presenting to Marshall students via Skype in the near future.

Jayne Brandel, Dept. Chair at WVU, contacted Vickie Pullins to ask if the Board office would be interested in having an intern for the summer. If there is an avenue and money available in the budget, the Board would be interested in an intern. Patty Nesbitt will check to see what is required for paying the intern and report back to Vickie Pullins.

Vickie Pullins made a motion to adjourn. Vernon Mullins seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J. Nesbitt, Executive Director

for

Vickie Pullins, Board Secretary