

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

April 22, 2024

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, Heather Waselchalk
Board Member, Dr. Michael Zagarella
Board Member, Amanda Bonner
Board Member, Dr. Michael Squires
Board Member, Ruth Rowan

Executive Director, Pamela Coughlin

The April 22, 2024, 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.

Ruth Rowan made a motion to approve minutes for April 9, 2024. Amber Settles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pam Coughlin reviewed the FY 2025 budget. Heather Waselchalk motioned to approve the budget for FY 2025. Amanda Bonner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vickie Pullins informed the board that there are individuals in their clinical fellowship doing PRN work without supervision. A letter will be sent to all licensees in their CF and some of the universities stating all licensees in their clinical fellowship must have a supervisor to do PRN work.

Ruth Rowan made a motion to go into Executive Session at 5:42PM to discuss complaints. Amber Settles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. Squires made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 6:08PM. Amber Settles seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Pam Coughlin reviewed a hearing aid dealer trainee application that she received on March 18, 2024. The board members agreed the applicant did their time and deserves a second chance. Members approved to issue a hearing aid dealer trainee permit.

Vickie Pullins informed the members that the board office lease was signed for another 5 year.

We are meeting on Saturday, May 4, 2025 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM at the board office at 99 Edmiston Way in Buckhannon to work on the proposed rules and adding background checks for Speech Pathologists and Audiologists. Ms. Pullins explained to the members that we will have to open up the WV Code to make these changes for SLP'S and AUD. She informed the board that the Interstate Compact is scheduled to go active this coming fall.

Dr. Michael Squires made a motion to adjourn. Ruth Rowan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Coughlin

Pamela Coughlin, Executive Director
for
Amber Settles, Board Secretary