

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Open Session Minutes—Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Date: February 14, 2024

Locations: Room 555 W Monroe Chicago, Illinois Room 376 320 W Washington St Springfield, Illinois

Webex

Call to Order: 10:03 am

Adjournment: 2:27 pm .

Chicago: Catherine Balthazar

Springfield: Cara Boester; Heidi Ramrattan

Division Staff Present: Ronald Almiron General Counsel; Rochelle Hartman, Board Liaison; Jerry R. Miller, Board Liaison; Assistant General Counsel Ann M Erickson; Acting Director, IDFPR, Camile Lindsay; Gwendolyn Payton, Associate General Counsel

Guests: Jordan Bowman, President Illinois Speech Language and Hearing Association (ISHA); Allison Harrington, Constituent; Janet Olson, Vice President for Legislative & Regulatory Affairs, ISHA; Karen Kockler, ISHA; Maria Claudia Franca, ISHA, SIU-Carbondale; Heidi Verticchio, ISU; Paul Doggett, ISHA; Jacqueline Somers, Constituent

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
CALL TO ORDER	Meeting called to order at 10:03 am	Quorum established by roll call
AMEND AGENDA	Add election of officers to agenda	
ELECTION OF OFFICERS	Discussion about election procedure Nomination of Boester for Chair Move to close nominations Motion to nominate Balthazar for Vice Chair	Balthazar/Ramrattan Balthazar/Ramrattan Balthazar/Ramrattan Boester elected Chair by voice vote Boester/Ramrattan Balthazar elected by voice vote

MINUTES	Previous minutes not available	
PUBLIC COMMENT	Harrington and Somers seeking status update on their applications. Balthazar explained that such decisions made in closed session.	

OLD BUSINESS	None	
NEW BUSINESS	Introduction to Rules Changes (GC Almiron) Balthazar: Review proposed changes by considering if “need to have” or “nice to have.” Special consideration for definitions, e.g., “hours,” “clock hours.” Proposed review by sections • .20 Approved programs ○ Clock hours not correct because not all hours count toward the CCC ○ Need to be specific about direct contact, patient contact hours ○ Broadening/increasing specificity of practice settings redundant? (Green joins the meeting in SPI, 10:58 am) • .25 Approved programs for SLPA ○ no accreditation at national level for assistant programs--applicants are certified. Expansion of program qualifications takes power from academic community. GC’s intent was to make the rules aspirational. Concern that this will make the license less accessible. Better to focus on applicant qualifications over program requirements • .35 Supervision ○ GC will review for clarity re: remote supervision. • .45 SLPA application ○ Accreditation, approved by the	

	department, refers to schools, not programs • .47 Temporary License SLPA • .5 Examination ○ Proposal to add ASHA Assistants exam for restoration • .75 Fees ○ Cap on renewal fees for lapsed licenses • .80-81 Restoration ○ Needs review for clarification • .85 Continuing Ed ○ Addition of Alzheimer's training. ○ Consider changing "cultural competency" to "culturally informed practices." • 110 Violations ○ More specificity about violations (Pause 1:04-1:14 pm)	
PUBLIC COMMENT	• Miller: Encourage applicants to get materials in ASAP • Boester: Read emailed comments about proposed Rules changes from Kockler and Olson (ISHA) (Closed Session)	
OPEN SESSION	Return to open session at 1:54 pm.	Motion to approve recommendations made in closed session (Boester/Landria) Motion carried.
LEGISLATIVE UPDATE	GC Almiron: SB 3467 and HB 5532 introduced: similar bills that address SLPA requirements. GC seeking input to share with Acting Director to inform her recommendation.	
ADJOURNMENT	Meeting adjourned at 2:27 pm	Motion to adjourn (Ramrattan/Balthazar)