

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Open Session Minutes—Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Date: October 28, 2024

Locations: Room 5C1 Room 376 Webex
555 W Monroe 320 W Washington St
Chicago, Illinois Springfield, Illinois

Roll Call: Cara Boester, Chair
Catherine Balthazar
Heidi Ramrattan

Absent: Brittney D. Ray, Landria Seals-Green

Division Staff Present: Rochelle Hartman, Board Liaison, Health Services Section; Daniel Kelber and Gwendolyn Payton, General Counsel

Visitors: Cindy Poegel

Meeting **called to order** 11:04 am

Request to move Closed Session to front of meeting due to early departure of board member.

Motion to go into closed session pursuant to 2(c)(15) of the Open Meetings Act. Ramrattan/Balthazar
Balthazar—yes
Boester—yes
Ramrattan—yes

Return to open session at 11:10 am

Motion to approve closed minutes: Ramrattan/Boester

Motion to approve recommendations of closed session: Balthazar/Boester

- Deferral of 217 application/Caitlyn Gregory approved

Report on new licensing system (CORE): October 30 launch with 4 professions. Balthazar asked if there would be a portal for program directors to submit rosters. Kelber didn't think it was within scope of the project. Rosters currently submitted by email to liaison.

Hartman said that she would be presenting information on application process for staff who hire SLPA, OT, and PT. Balthazar said that in the past there would have been an information session about the application process presented at ISHA.

Cindy Poegel joined the call to observe.

Approval of June 24, 2024 Open Minutes: Boester/Balthazar. Motion passed

100 hours for SLP Assistants outside of SLPA programs. Balthazar explained that the supervised 100 hours has

been built in to the Associate's Degree programs, but the hours are not built into bachelor degree programs. Many of the bachelor's degree candidates come from out of state where supervision is not required. Kelber asked how applicants show proof of supervision if not part of their programs. Balthazar indicated that paid work or volunteer experience qualifies if applicants provide documentation. Balthazar also explained how the College of DuPage associate's degree program met the 100-hour requirement.

Review of meeting protocol/Open Meetings Act: Board Handbook is being updated for the first time since 2017. Kelber encouraged all to refer to it when it becomes available and asked if members were familiar with the Open Meetings Act. Hartman said that it was one of the required trainings before taking a board seat. Kelber reviewed appropriate discussion for closed session, which is issues related to credentialing of individuals and that discussions not about individual credentialing be held for open sessions. He also reminded members that if they may not discuss board business outside of publicly posted meetings, including in email. Any legal inquiries from applicants should be directed to Counsel.

School SLPs who hold Professional Educator Licensure endorsements but not IDFPR licensure. Possible reasons for this are school applicants receiving out of date information and confusing language on the ISBE site. Unclear that it's a widespread issue, but it could be resolved by schools checking the IDFPR portal to see if applicants are licensed.

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Balthazar requested that the status of the rulemaking process be revisited at a future meeting.

Motion to adjourn (Ramrattan/Balthazar) approved.

Meeting adjourned at 12 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for January 27, 2025.