



BOARD OF HEARING AND SPEECH MEETING AGENDA

November 15, 2013 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Department of Health – Town Center Two
111 Israel Road SE, Room 158
Tumwater, WA 98501

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Board Members:

Lynn Bishop, Chair; James Deal, Public Member, Vice-chair; Tom Putaansuu; Sheryl Arends; Rudy Gahler, MD; Gail Rothwell; Cary Larson; Trice Konschuh, Public Member.

Program Staff:

Betty Moe, Acting Executive Director; Janette Benham, Program Manager; Sandie Pearson, Program Representative; Linh Tran, Assistant Attorney General (AAG).

Times and Order

The Board of Hearing and Speech meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on November 15, 2013, and will continue until all agenda items are complete. The board will work through lunch and adjourn as determined by the agenda and the board. This agenda is subject to change. Comments from the public in attendance will be solicited after each agenda item.

Accessibility

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Smoking is prohibited at this meeting.

OPEN SESSION

1. **CALL TO ORDER – Lynn Bishop, Chair** **9:00 a.m.**
 - 1.1 Introductions-board members, staff, and audience
 - 1.2 Approval of Agenda
 - 1.2 Approval of the August 1, 2013 Meeting Minutes

2. **PROGRAM MANAGER REPORT – Janette Benham, Program Manager, will provide information to the board.**
 - 2.1 Licensing statistics
 - 2.2 Update on expired board member positions, board member recruitment, and board member appointments
 - 2.3 Update on International Hearing Society computer-based fitter/dispenser examination

3. **PRESENTATION – Lisa Thatcher, Lobbyist for the Washington Hearing Society**

Lisa Thatcher will provide information on draft legislation that will create an alternative pathway to licensure for hearing instrument fitter/dispensers. The Washington Hearing Society is working to introduce this legislation during the 2014 Legislative Session.

4. **DESIGNATION OF BOARD REPRESENTATIVE FOR LEGISLATIVE UPDATE MEETINGS (MEET-ME-CALLS)**

The board will designate a representative and an alternate to participate in weekly legislative update meetings during the 2014 legislative session.

5. **DISCUSSION AND PLANNING FOR JANUARY 31, 2014 MEETING**

The board will discuss the January 31, 2014 meeting and decide whether to keep it a conference call meeting or move it to an in-person meeting.

6. **DISCUSSION OF HEARING INSTRUMENT FITTER/DISPENSER LICENSURE HISTORY, STATISTICS, AND TWO-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAMS**

The board will:

 - 6.1 Review and discuss historic requirements of hearing instrument fitter/dispenser licensure
 - 6.2 Review 1998 Report to the Legislature
 - 6.3 Review reports of site visits to Spokane Falls Community College and Bates Technical College made in 2010
 - 6.4 Review International Hearing Society examination statistics
 - 6.5 Plan for presentations from Spokane Falls Community College, Bates Technical College, and Washington Hearing Society and develop questions and talking points

7. **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**
 - 7.1 James Deal, Vice-Chair, will report on the Board and Commission Leadership Meeting he attended on October 21, 2013.
 - 7.2 Gail Rothwell and Cary Larson will report on the Citizen Advocacy Center Conference they attended on October 29-30, 2013.

8. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT – Linh Tran , AAG

Linh Tran, AAG, will provide board members with any information or research she has conducted.

9. REVIEW OF BYLAWS

The board will review corrections to RCW references in previously approved bylaws and reapprove as corrected.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 The board will discuss and draft a response to a question from a practitioner regarding the use of telesupervision for interim permit holders.

LUNCH -- Board members will continue meeting through lunch

11:30 a.m.

11. COMMITTEE WORK

11.1 Rules Committee

Members: Gail Rothwell, SLP, Chair; Cary Larson, SLPA; Rudy Gahler, MD; and Trice Kenschuh, Public Member

- The committee will review and discuss rules to add CE requirements for SLPAs and add multicultural education requirements to WAC 246-828-510.

11.2 Education/Exam Committee

Members: Cary Larson, SLPA, Chair; Lynn Bishop, SLP

- The committee will review the curriculum for Ohio State University's Bachelor of Arts in Speech and Hearing Sciences and discuss approval of the program for the speech-language pathology assistant profession.
- The committee will review the curriculum for University of California, Fullerton Bachelor of Arts in Communicative Disorders and discuss approval of the program for the speech-language pathology assistant profession.

11.3 Disciplinary Committee

Members: Tom Putaansuu, Audiologist, Chair; Jim Deal, Public Member; Sheryl Arends, Fitter/Dispenser; Gail Rothwell, SLP

- The committee will meet in closed session to review any new cases.

11.4 Public Relations Committee

Members: Jim Deal, Chair; Tom Putaansuu, Audiologist, Rudy Gahler, MD

- The committee will review any lists and labels requests that have been received by staff.

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee members will report their discussions and present any recommendations for board action.

**13. REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO SUPERVISE INTERIM PERMIT HOLDERS--
WAC 246-828-045 (1) ((b))**

13.1 Request from Carol Hill for board approval to supervise interim permit holders

13.2 Request from Lindsay Lillie for board approval to supervise interim permit holders

14. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS -- The board will discuss agenda items for future meetings.

15. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members from the public will have an opportunity to direct questions, concerns, or comments to the board.

16. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

Board members or program staff may present additional items for discussion.

17. CONSENT AGENDA

The items listed under the consent agenda (information items) are considered to be routine agency matters and will be approved by a single motion of the board without separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and placed on the regular business agenda for discussion.

17.1 October 2013 issue of “The Sentinel News for DOH Employees.”

CLOSED SESSION

18. APPLICATION REVIEWS

19. CE AUDIT REVIEW

OPEN SESSION

20. ADJOURNMENT

3:00 p.m.

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Room 158

Interstate 5 South, from Seattle or Tacoma

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