

Board of Hearing and Speech Meeting Agenda



Date: May 3, 2024

Time: 9:00 a.m. PST

Location: Department of Health
Town Center 2, Rm 166
111 Israel Rd. SE
Tumwater, WA 98501

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Note: This agenda schedule may change, and items may be taken out of the agenda order.

Order of Agenda

Open Session – Nichole Kingham, Chair (Action)

1. Call to Order – Nichole Kingham, Chair (Action)

- 1.1 Introduction of board, staff, and guests
- 1.2 Approval of agenda
- 1.3 Approval of minutes – February 2, 2024, business meeting

2. Open Forum – Nichole Kingham, Chair (Action)

The Board will accept comments from the audience on issues of significance to the professions.

3. Program Reports – Kristi Knieps, assistant attorney general; Jennifer Santiago, executive director; and Kim-Boi Shadduck, program manager (Information/Action)

- 3.1 Credentialing statistic report
- 3.2 Current budget report
- 3.3 Program and legislative update

4. Second Substitute House Bill (2SHB) 1724 Update and Rules Workshop – Nichole Kingham, Chair (Action)

The Board will receive an update of how [2SHB 1724](#) has affected the Board's work with reciprocity/endorsement licensure.

- 4.1 The Board will review and consider subcommittee approval of the list of states considered substantial equivalency in updated matrix. This will include hearing aid specialists for Texas and Wisconsin.
- 4.2 The Board will hold a rules workshop to discuss implementation of 2SHB 1724 to WAC 246-828-020, 246-828-510, and 246-828-617.

5. House Bill (HB) 1001 Audiologist Speech-Language Pathologist Interstate Compact (ASLP-IC) Rules Hearing Update – Nichole Kingham, Chair (Information)

On May 2, 2024, the Department of Health held a rules hearing to implement HB 1001 ASLP-IC practice privilege fees for applicants who want to apply for licensure through [interstate compact](#). The board will receive a summary of the comments from the rules hearing.

6. American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) 2024 Convention – Nichole Kingham, Chair (Information)

The Board will discuss if board members/staff should be at ASHA Convention on Dec. 5-7, 2024 in Seattle, WA. to representation the Board.

7. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – Nichole Kingham, Chair (Information/Action)

The Board will elect a chair and vice-chair to serve from June 30, 2024 to July 1 2025. Per RCW 18.35.150(4): *The chair shall rotate annually among the audiologists, hearing aid specialists, public members, and speech-language pathologists serving on the board.*

A Speech-Language Pathologist is next in line to serve as board chair. The following is the board chair rotation schedule:

Speech-Language Pathologist 2024 to 2025
Hearing Aid Specialist: 2025 to 2026
Public Member: 2026 to 2027
Audiologist: 2027 to 2028

8. Recruitment Update - Nichole Kingham, Chair (Information)

We are recruiting for an advising medical physician and a public member as Dr. Horn and Paula Benson will complete their second term off the board on June 6, 2024.

9. Exception Application Matrix– Nichole Kingham, Chair (Action)

The Board will discuss and review updated Exception Application Matrix from Office of Customer Services.

10. Agenda Building - Nichole Kingham, Chair (Action)

The Board will review its board business and discuss priority items for the July 26, 2024, meeting.

Adjournment of Open Session

Next board meeting July 26, 2024

TBD

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