



**Board of Hearing and Speech
Regular Quarterly Board Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2023**

Board Members in Attendance:

Ray Parker, Public Member,
Chairperson

Nichole Kingham Furness,
Audiologist, Vice-chairperson

Connie Furry, Hearing Aid
Specialist

Brenda Litke, Hearing Aid
Specialist

Amberkiah Pomeroy,
Audiologist

Brian Shute, Speech-
Language Pathologist

Kelly Siebecke, Speech-
Language Pathology

Assistant

Paula Benson, Public
Member

Board Members Not in Attendance:

Attendance:

Sonja Bradford,
Speech-Language
Pathologist, Vice-
chairperson

Harry Parent, Public
Member

David Horn, Licensed
Medical Physician

Staff Members in Attendance:

Kim-Boi Shadduck, Program
Manager

Jennifer Santiago, Executive
Director

Noelle Chung, Assistant
Attorney General

Jeff Wise, Policy Analyst

Poppy Budrow, Budget
Analyst

Madissen Schatz,
Administrative Assistant

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Open Session

1. Call to Order

1.1 The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Hearing and Speech was called to order by the chairperson, Ray Parker, at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 5, 2023, at the Spokane Falls Community College. There are online attendees via Microsoft Teams.

1.2 agenda

1.3 The minutes of the February 3, 2023, meeting was approved.

2. Open Forum

The Board did not receive any comments from the audience on issues of significance to the profession.

Program Reports

Kim-Boi Shadduck, program manager, presented license counts by county and status.

	Total
Audiologist	526
Hearing Aid Specialist	330
Speech-Language Pathologist	3,762
Speech-Language Pathologist Interim Permit	160
Speech-Language Pathology Assistant	296

Ms. Shadduck presented the 2021-23 Biennium Budget Status Report for the Period of July 1, 2021, through March 31, 2023.

Beginning Fund Balance on July 1, 2021	1,116,884
Revenue To-Date	909,677
21-23 HELMS Assessment To-Date	101,430
Expenses To-Date	724,649
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2023	1,200,483

Jennifer Santiago, executive director, provided a list of 2023-24 legislation that may impact Board laws.

- House Bill 1001 concerning the audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact.
- House Bill 1009 concerning military spouse employment.
- House Bill 1503 collecting healthcare professionals' information at the time of license application and license renewal.

Board Business

3. Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 5229 Health Equity CE

Connie Furry moved to approve the proposed rule language for health equity continuing education to adopt department model rules, WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

4. FDA Rule on Over-the-Counter Hearing Aids

Brian Shute moved to approve the proposed rule language, amending WAC 246-828-100 (Hearing instruments fitting and dispensing – Minimum standards of practice) to be consistent with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) finalized rule regarding the sale of over the counter (OTC) hearing aids. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

5. HB 1001 Audiologist Speech-Language Pathologist Interstate Compact

Dr. Shute moved to approve the implementation of a fee for granting compact privilege and approve Vice-chairman Kingham and as a delegate for the audiology and speech-language pathology compact commission, as required by House Bill 1001. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

6. Decision Delegation and Signature Delegation

Vice-chairperson Kingham moved to approve Form 1-1-19A: Delegation of Signature Authority and Form 1-1-19C: Delegation of Decision Making. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

7. Election of Chairman and Vice-chairman

Dr. Shute moved to approve Vice-chairperson Kingham as chairperson and Sonja Bradford as vice-chairperson for the July 2023, to July 2024, period. The motion was adopted by unanimous consent.

8. Business Plan 2023 – 2025

The Board reviewed and updated the business plan for the 2023-2025 biennium.

9. Spokane Falls Community College (SFCC) Site Review

The Site Review Subcommittee reported that the May 4, 2023, review of the Spokane Falls Community College's Hearing Instrument Specialist Program met the minimum curriculum standards as outlined in WAC 246-828-615 (1) and (2). The committee expressed site review process and procedures changes should be updated in the future to include changing review period.

10. Agenda Building

The Board established agenda items for the next business meeting.

- Rule hearing for health equity continuing education.
- Rule hearing for over-the-counter hearing aids.
- Continued work with audiology and speech-language pathology interstate compact.

- Discussion regarding site review.
- Finalized business plan for approval.
- Choosing a 2nd Delegate for the audiology and speech-language pathology compact commission.

Adjournment of Open Session

Chairperson Parker announced that the next meeting would be July 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., and declared the meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.