Board Members Present:
Courtenay Hendricks, Chair; Lisa Illich, Vice Chair; Rick Giles; Roberta Jackson; Trice Konschuh, David Horn, MD; Ann Plotnick; Kelly Siebecke; Alison Vega, AuD

Board Members Absent:
Hal Hunsaker, Lynn Satre

Staff Present
Trina Crawford, Executive Director; Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager; Sandie Pearson, Program Representative; Sarah Beckham, Program Representative; Stephanie Vaughn, Policy Analyst; Joyce Roper, Assistant Attorney General (AAG)

Others Present
Casey Comstock
Alamander Hicks
Nancy Bowen-Hicks
Ben Johnson
Scott Gonnason
Jennifer Karr
Melissa Johnson, Lobbyist, Washington Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Amelia Armstrong
Logan Radcliffe
Josh Fisher
Ronnie Kissell
Susan Bryant
Cassandra Lemoto Tungilavu

On November 2, 2018, the Board of Hearing and Speech met in Tumwater at the Department of Health, Town Center Two. In accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, the meeting agenda was emailed to the Hearing and Speech listserv and posted on the Hearing and Speech website.

OPEN SESSION – 9 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Courtenay Hendricks, Chair 9:05 a.m.
Ms. Hendricks called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Board and staff members introduced themselves.

1.1 Approval of the agenda
A motion was made and seconded to amend the agenda to add Item 7 – Approval of Supervisors, and to renumber the remaining agenda items. The board voted to approve the agenda as amended.
1.2 Approval of the August 3, 2018 meeting minutes
The board reviewed the August 3, 2018 meeting minutes. A motion was made and seconded to approve the August 3, 2018 meeting minutes as presented. Board members voted in favor of approving the August 3, 2018 meeting minutes as presented.

2. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL REPORT – Joyce Roper, AAG
Ms. Roper, AAG provided an update on the federal law change about over-the-counter hearing devices. Devices must meet comply with federal and state regulations. The devices are available for consumers 18 years of age or older. Mr. Giles will attend a coalition meeting regarding this. Dr. Vega shared information about a Bose product that is currently available. Dr. Vega asked Ms. Roper about patients who purchase over-the-counter devices and how licensed audiologists, and hearing and speech licenses, may be affected if they are asked to fit, repair or work with these devices. Ms. Roper will look into this and will provide an update at a future meeting.

3. ROTATE SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2019 – Courtenay Hendricks, Chair –

Board members discussed the committee composition for 2019. Committee assignments are as follows:

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4. PROGRAM REPORT – Trina Crawford, Executive Director; Ericka Brown, Credentialing Supervisor; and Bruce Bronske Jr., Program Manager

4.1 Credentialing statistics – The following licensure statistics were shared with the board:

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A full presentation of the credential statistics will be provided at the next meeting.

4.2 **Hearing aid specialist practical examination update – statistics** – Mr. Bronoske provided an update on the practical exam. On September 28, 2018 one candidate re-took and passed one section of the exam.

There is one remaining practical exam scheduled for 2018. The date for that exam is December 7, 2018.

4.3 **Current budget update** – Ms. Crawford updated board members on the 2017-2019 budget. She said the budget is healthy. Revenue continues to exceed expenditures. An update on the budget and setting exam fees will be provided to the board at a future meeting.

4.4 **Collaborative training retreat update** - Board members were updated on the collaborative training retreat that is being held on November 16 with the occupational therapy and physical therapy boards. Ms. Crawford said the following topics may be discussed at the retreat:

- Team building
- Proactive rather than reactive – discipline
- Supervision of assistants
- Update on the PT compact
- Telehealth

Several board members plan to attend the retreat. They include: Mr. Giles, Ms. Jackson, Dr. Vega, Ms. Illich, Ms. Hendricks, Ms. Siebecke, as well as Ms. Roper, AAG. An update on the retreat will be provided at the next meeting.

4.5 **Rules update** – Board members were updated on the rules. The rules package was filed and a rules hearing is scheduled for February 2019.

5 **PRAXIS EXAM REQUIREMENT – Lisa Illich, Vice Chair** – The board discussed the national examination for audiologists.

Ms. Illich explained that the PRAXIS exam is for audiologists and speech-language pathologists, and is offered by the American Speech – Language – Hearing Association. Most states require passage of the PRAXIS exam for licensure. The board discussed whether to look at rule language to change from specifying which exam is required (PRAXIS). Mr. Giles asked if there was another exam. The American Board of Audiology (ABA) offers audiologists certification once a candidate has passed an assessment of previously acquired knowledge, skills and competencies. Ms. Crawford suggested that staff members gather more information about ABA and bring back to a future meeting.

6 **HEARING AID SPEICIALIST – Courtenay Hendricks, Chair** – The board discussed the allowable number of practical exam retakes, proctor recruitment and taking earmolds for items other than hearing aids.

Mr. Giles recused himself from the discussion.
The board discussed how many times a candidate from the nine-month certificate program be allowed to take the exam. Mr. Bronoske said the most times anyone has needed to retake the exam was three. Ms. Roper, AAG suggested this be included in rule language and be equivalent to International Licensing Examination for hearing healthcare professionals. A motion was made and seconded to refer this to the rules committee.

Board members discussed whether holding the exam in other areas of the state would help with recruitment of pro-tem members to act as exam proctors. Currently, practical exams are held in Tumwater. It was suggested that two exams be held in Tumwater, one held in Kent and one exam held in the Spokane area. Ms. Roper said it is important to standardize the location of the exam. A recruitment notice for pro-tem members to act as proctors will be sent out.

The board discussed whether a person needed to be licensed to take earmolds for items other than hearing aids. Staff members explained that calls had come in asking questions regarding having earmolds made for custom earbuds, similar to those used by musicians. Board members stated that earmolds for any purpose should be made only by a licensed practitioner, such as a hearing aid specialist or audiologist.

7. REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO SUPERVISE INTERIM PERMIT HOLDER – The board reviewed and discussed two requests for approval to supervise interim permit holders.

7.1 The board reviewed, discussed, and voted to approve a request for approval of Jennifer Martin to supervise an interim permit holder per WAC 246-828-045 (1) (b).

7.2 The board reviewed, discussed, and voted to approve a request for approval of Jessica Glenn to supervise an interim permit holder per WAC 246-828-045 (1) (b).

8. COMMITTEE WORK

8.1 Rules Committee
Members: Trice Konschuh, Public Member; Ann Plotnick, Hearing Aid Specialist; Rick Giles, Hearing Aid Specialist; Dr. Alison Vega, Audiologist; Roberta Jackson, SLP; Kelly Siebecke, SLPA
8.1.1 Committee members discussed whether to open the rules regarding the following:
- Lapse in licensure
- Number of exam attempts
- Supervisors – evaluation and who they can and can’t supervise

8.2 Education/Exam Committee
Members: Courtenay Hendricks, Public Member; Hal Hunsaker, SLP; Dr. Alison Vega, Audiologist; David Horn, M.D; Roberta Jackson, SLP
8.2.1 There were no additional agenda items referred for committee review.

8.3 Disciplinary Committee
Members: Ann Plotnick, Hearing Aid Specialist; Hal Hunsaker, SLP; Trice Konschuh, Public Member; Lisa Illich, Audiologist
8.3.1 No additional agenda items were referred for committee review.
8.4 Public Relations Committee
Members: Courtenay Hendricks, Public Member; Hal Hunsaker, SLP
8.4.1 Committee members reviewed a request for lists and labels from Rehab Seminars.

8.5 Site-Review Committee for Hearing Aid Specialist Programs
Members: Ann Plotnick, Hearing Aid Specialist; Alison Vega, Audiologist; Courtenay Hendricks, Public Member; Rick Giles, Hearing Aid Specialist
8.5.1 Committee members reviewed and discussed the report from the WHS site review.

8.6 Telehealth Committee – Members: Hal Hunsaker, SLP; Courtenay Hendricks, Public Member; Roberta Jackson, SLP; Kelly Siebecke, SLPA
8.6.1 Committee members reviewed and discussed the draft telehealth policy.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Committee members reported their discussions and presented committee recommendations for board action.

Rules Committee
• The committee reviewed, discussed, and recommended the board vote in favor of opening a CR 101 for the following rules:
  • WAC 246-828-075 – Supervisors of students
  • WAC 246-828-300 – Expired license or certification
  • WAC 246-828-020 - Examinations
  A motion was made that the board move forward with the CR 101 to start draft rule language. The board voted in favor of the motion.

Education/Exam Committee
• The committee did not meet and did not provide a report.

Disciplinary Committee
• The committee did not provide a report.

Public Relations Committee
• The committee reviewed, discussed, and recommended the board approve a lists and labels request from Rehab Seminars.

Site-Review Committee for Hearing Aid Specialist Programs
• The committee presented information and recommendations regarding the site review of Washington Hearing Society’s nine-month program. Committee members said they reviewed the program and that all required subjects were being covered. They met with two students and two supervisors. The committee recommended the program include the following:
  o Study peers or study groups for students
  o Supervisor feedback from students
  o WHS conduct comprehensive assessment on supervisors every three months
  o WHS evaluate supervisors for competency
A motion was made and seconded to approve the committee’s recommendations and report. The board voted in favor of the motion. The board also asked staff members to request a response within three months from WHS regarding the recommendations. Ms. Shadduck will provide a copy of the site review recommendations to representatives from WHS.

**Telehealth Committee**
- The committee presented information on the telehealth policy. Committee members reviewed and made two changes to the policy regarding definitions and standard of care. The committee recommended the board accept the updated telehealth policy. A motion was made and seconded to accept the updated telehealth policy. The board voted in favor of the motion.

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**
No items were added to the consent agenda for the board to review.

11. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS** – The board discussed adding the following items to future meeting agendas:
- Rules hearing
- Member recruitment update
- Exam proctor recruitment
- Collaborative training retreat report
- Exam fee update
- Credential statistics presentation
- Presentation – Nicole Kingham, Audiologist Assistant Program
- WHS report – follow-up from WHS
- Telehealth, what can and can’t be done

12. **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
Mr. Giles thanked the audience members for attending.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

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Presented By: Bruce Bronoske Jr., Program Manager Date

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Approved By: Courtenay Hendricks, Chair Date