

Board of Hearing and Speech Meeting Agenda



Date: May 2, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. PST

Location: Department of Health
Town Center 2, Rm 153
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 – Sonja Bradford, Chair (Action)

1. Call to Order – Sonja Bradford, Chair (Action)

- 1.1 Introduction of board, staff, and guests
- 1.2 Approval of agenda
- 1.3 Approval of minutes – November 1, 2024, business meeting
- 1.4 Approval of minutes – March 14, 2025, special meeting

2. Robert Rules of Order – Sonja Bradford, Chair (Information)

The Board will receive a review of Robert Rules of Order.

3. Washington Recovery and Monitoring Program (WRAMP) – Sue Hall, Case Manager (Information)

The Board will receive a presentation on WRAMP, a referral and monitoring program for healthcare professionals whose practice may be impaired by substance use.

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

- 4.1 Credentialing statistic report
- 4.2 Current budget report
- 4.3 2025 Legislative and other program updates

5. Initial Hearing Aid Fitting and 6 Months Hearing Test Requirement – Sonja Bradford, Chair (Information/Action)

The Board will review and discuss both of these requirements to consider amending WAC 246-828-100 Prescription hearing instrument fitting and dispensing – Minimum standards of practice.

6. International Hearing Society 2024 conference – Sonja Bradford, Chair (Information)

Ms. Furry will discuss with the board about her participation with the International Hearing Society annual conference in September 2024.

7. Certified Occupational Hearing Conservationist – Sonja Bradford, Chair (Information)

The Board will discuss whether a Certified Occupational Hearing Conservationist (COHC) who have been properly trained through the Council for Accreditation in Occupational Hearing Conservation (CAOHC) can administer a hearing test.

8. Newsletter - Sonja Bradford, Chair (Action)

The board will review for approval newsletter ready for distribution.

9. Hearing Aid Specialist Site Review- Sonja Bradford, Chair (Information/Action)

The board will discuss the frequency on hearing aid specialist site review.

10. Hearing Aid Specialist Proctors- Sonja Bradford, Chair (Information/Action)

The Washington Hearing Society would like to offer members to the board as HAS practical examination proctors.

11. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – Sonja Bradford, Chair (Information)

The Board will elect a chair and vice-chair to serve from June 30, 2025 to July 1, 2026. Per RCW 18.35.150(4): The chair shall rotate annually among audiologists, hearing aid specialists, public members, and speech-language pathologists serving on the board. A public member is next in line to serve as board chair. The following is the board chair rotation schedule:

Public Member 2025 to 2026

Audiologist 2026 to 2027

Hearing Aid Specialist 2027 to 2028

Speech-Language Pathologist 2028 to 2029

12. Agenda Building – Sonja Bradford, Chair (Information)

The Board will review its board business and discuss priority items for the July 25, 2025, meeting.

- Updating Delegation of Authority
- Updating Signature Authority
- Board meeting and HAS practical examination dates for 2026

Adjournment of Open Session

Next board meeting July 25th, 2025

DOH Tumwater, WA Room 153