



## South Dakota Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology

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### OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR February 28, 2019 TELECONFERENCE

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brittany Schmidt, President  
Jane Heinemeyer, Vice-President  
Shirley Hauge, Member  
Jaculin Protexter, Member  
Connie Tucker, Lay Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Carol Tellinghuisen, Executive Secretary  
Jill Lesselyoung, Executive Assistant  
Justin Williams, Legal Counsel, DOH  
Tiffany Trask, SDSLHA  
Jennifer Schultz, MTI  
Dean Kueter

**CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS:** President Schmidt called the meeting to order at 8:37AM MST. Schmidt welcomed the public members in attendance.

**ROLL CALL:** Schmidt requested Lesselyoung to call the roll. A quorum was present.

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Tellinghuisen requested to move item number 12, Executive Session to the end of the meeting so the public members would not have to re-join the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Hauge made a motion to approve the agenda with moving the executive session to the end of the meeting. Heinemeyer seconded. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote. Schmidt, yes; Heinemeyer, yes; Hauge, yes; Protexter, yes; Tucker, yes.

**PUBLIC TESTIMONY/PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Schmidt call for any public comment on the items on the agenda. Schultz commented that there was an amendment drafted for SB146 by the SDSLHA and Representative Hunhoff was sponsoring the amendment. Kueter advised he was attending the meeting to listen.

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**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Hauge made a motion to keep the current slate of officers as is with Schmidt serving as President and Heinemeyer as Vice-President. Protexter seconded. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote. Schmidt, yes; Heinemeyer, yes; Hauge, yes; Protexter, yes; Tucker, yes.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 13, 2018:** Protexter made a motion to approve the minutes. Heinemeyer seconded. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote. Schmidt, yes; Heinemeyer, yes; Hauge, yes; Protexter, yes; Tucker, yes.

**FY FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Lesselyoung reported fiscal year to date figures as of January 31, 2019: revenue of \$21,507.48, expenditures of \$23,320.33 and cash balance on hand of \$141,517.86 and year-end figures as of June 30, 2018: revenue of \$80,879.42, expenditures of \$38,211.10 and cash balance on hand of \$143,330.71. The Board discussed and accepted the financials as presented.

**SB 146:** Schmidt advised the bill was brought forth by Senator Heinert. The bill is regarding those paraprofessionals who were licensed as SLPAs and not having to meet the educational requirements in 2020 as was enacted in the original licensure law. Schmidt advised the Board was on the phone for the first part of the testimony to Senate Education Committee but was not able to testify due to technical difficulties. At that time, there was opponent testimony presented.

**HB 1111:** Lesselyoung advised HB 1111 is the bill that provides for expedited licensure for military spouses. The Board will be required to issue a license within thirty days of receiving a completed application. This Board currently meets those requirements. Tellinghuisen advised the other portion of the bill waives the application fees. The Board briefly discussed and has no issues with the bill.

**RENEWAL UPDATE:** Lesselyoung advised there were 74 licensees that needed to renew by October 1, 2018. There are 20 that did not renew (6 of which were provisional licenses) and were sent non-renewal letters. There are currently 624 licensees.

**VOTE ON CODE OF CONDUCT:** The Board discussed the Code of Conduct and Conflict of Interest Policy including any potential conflicts of interest on contracts or a potential conflict with a licensee. The purpose was to bring everything into the public light. Schmidt made a motion to accept the Code of Conduct as presented. Heinemeyer seconded. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote. Schmidt, yes; Heinemeyer, yes; Hauge, yes; Protexter, yes; Tucker, yes.

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION REVISION-100 HOUR RULE:** The Board has received questions regarding clarification of the 100-hour practicum requirement for the SLPA licensure. The Board office proposed adding to the frequently asked questions on the website additional clarification of licensure requirements and general information on where the 100 hundred clock hour practicum could be completed. The Board discussed and agreed to table to the next meeting so members could review all frequently asked questions for updates.

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**ASHA CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR SLPAS:** Jennifer Schultz advised that ASHA had been working to prepare a national certification examination for SLPAs and audiology assistants. Since SLPA requirements vary from state to state the national certification examination would provide a step up for licensees. The plan is for the examination to be available late in 2020.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS COMING IN BETWEEN DATE OF MAILING AND DATE OF MEETING:**

There was no other business.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SDCL 1-25-2:** Hauge made a motion to enter executive session at 9:19AM MST. Tucker seconded. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote. Schmidt, yes; Heinemeyer, yes; Hauge, yes; Protexter, yes; Tucker, yes. Hauge made a motion to exit executive session at 9:21AM MST. Heinemeyer seconded. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote. Schmidt, yes; Heinemeyer, yes; Hauge, yes; Protexter, yes; Tucker, yes.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CONTRACT:** Tellinghuisen requested to renew the current contract with a state cost of living increase if implemented. Hauge made a motion to renew the current contract and adjust for a any state cost of living. Heinemeyer seconded. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote. Schmidt, yes; Heinemeyer, yes; Hauge, yes; Protexter, yes; Tucker, yes.

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting is set for April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 8:30AM MDT/9:30AM CDT.

Tucker made a motion to adjourn to adjourn at 9:28AM MST. Protexter seconded. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote. Schmidt, yes; Heinemeyer, yes; Hauge, yes; Protexter, yes; Tucker, yes.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Tellinghuisen  
Executive Secretary