

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SCOPE OF PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
Thursday June 19, 2008 1:00 p.m.
Texas Department of State Health Services
Exchange Building
8407 Wall Street, Room S-402
Austin, Texas 78754

Minutes

Committee Members Present:

Sonya Salinas – Professional member
Patty Brannon – Professional member
Rosario Brusniak – Professional member
Dr. Minette Son – Professional member

DSHS Staff Present:

Joyce Parsons
David Richards
Stephen Mills
Jose Paiz

Guest Present:

Larry Higdon

Agenda item 1 was call to order. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Ms. Salinas, chair.

Agenda item 2 was Public Comment. There was no public comment.

Agenda item 3 was Committee chair report concerning committee priorities. Chair listed the committee priorities as stated in the agenda.

Agenda item 4 was discussion and possible action concerning review and approval of the committee reports of the meeting held March 6, 2008 and May 2, 2008. Ms. Brannon made a motion to approve the minutes for March 6, 2008 meeting as written. The motion was seconded and passed. During the May 2, 2008 speech scope of practice meeting, the committee updated the current speech-language pathology forms to reflect rule changes. Ms. Brusniak made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda item 5 was discussion and possible action regarding the application of licensure of June Walsh Kovach. Ms. Brusniak made the motion to allow Ms. Kovach to obtain her license in speech-language pathology upon successful passing score of the PRAXIS exam (score of 600 or higher). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda item 6 was Discussion and possible action regarding the application of licensure of Eric Gilbert Puga. Dr. Son made a motion to allow Mr. Puga to obtain his license in speech-language pathology as he had met the requirements as stated in the board rules. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda item 7 was discussion and possible action regarding the implementation of a jurisprudence examination. Ms. Brannon made the motion to recommend to the board that the ad hoc committee for the Jurisprudence exam be reinstated so that the committee could: revise the questions to include new rules, determine how the exam will be used, establish timelines, and pilot the exam a minimum of one time. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda item 8 was discussion and possible action regarding ASHA requirements for supervision of Clinical Fellows. Ms. Brusniak made the motion that the supervisor of the Clinical Fellow/CF have the 3 years of professional experience as stated in the board rules. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda item 9 was discussion and possible action regarding proposed rules to 22 TAC, Chapter 741, relating to the role and guidelines of the licensed speech-language pathologist assistants who work in home health and rehab facilities. Dr. Son made a motion that the §741.64(g)(4) be modified by omitting the phrase “at the location where the assistant is employed”. This would be proposed to the board to read as “The supervising speech-language pathologist shall provide a minimum of two hours per week of supervision, at least one hour of which is face to face supervision. This applies whether the assistant’s practice is full or part-time”. The motion was seconded and passed.

Ms. Brannon recommended that a question be written (for the FAQ section on the Board website) on the topic of supervision of varied patients. She will write the question and send to the committee members for review.

Ms. Brusniak made a motion to propose to the board that §741.64(k)(17) be modified to read as: The licensed speech-language pathologist assistant shall not: write or sign any formal documentation relating to the reimbursement of speech-language pathology services. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda item 10 was discussion and possible action regarding proposed rules to 22 TAC, Chapter 741, relating to the application process for applicants with transcript from foreign countries. The committee will recommend to the board that it accept the step by step application guidelines for applicants who have graduated from universities that are not ASHA accredited.

Agenda item 11 was discussion and possible action regarding proposed rules to 22 TAC, Chapter 741, relating to telepractice. Ms. Brannon made a motion to recommend to the board that a task force committee be formed to review the issues relating to telepractice. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda item 12 was items for future consideration. There were no items noted for future consideration.

Agenda item 13 was announcements and comments not requiring committee action. There were no announcements and comments not requiring committee action.

Agenda 14 was the adjournment of the meeting. Ms. Brusniak made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Sonya Salinas, committee chair

Date