APPROVED

BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2006
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER:

Dr. Michael Ridenhour, Chair, called the quarterly meeting of the Board of Audiology and Speech Pathology to order at 9:35 a.m, on Thursday, August 17, 2006 in Board Room #1, at 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

PRESENT:

Michael Ridenhour, Au.D.
Angela W. Moss, M.A., CCC-SLP
Sally Jones-McNamara, M.C.S., CCC-SLP
Susan Chadwick, Au.D.
Andrew M. Klein, M.D.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Robin R. Holley Duke, Citizen Member
Ronald Spencer, R.N.

COUNSEL:

Jack E. Kotvas, Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT:

Elizabeth Young, Executive Director
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Policy Analyst
Annie B. Artis, Operations Manager
Delange Fells, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS PRESENT:

Bill Ferguson, Board for Hearing Aid Specialists
David Bailey, David Bailey and Associates, SHAV Lobbyist

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to add the election of the Chair of the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bailey stated that SHAV continues to examine caseloads and the financial impact. He stated that there have been no meetings scheduled for the Board of Education; however, he will keep the Board informed of his findings.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Dr. Chadwick made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 24, 2006 of the Special Conference Committee meeting as written. The motion was properly seconded by Dr. Klein. The vote carried unanimously.

The Board members asked staff to revise the Board meeting minutes of the May 18, 2006 and deferred approval until the November 2006 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominations for Officers

Dr. Klein made a motion to nominate Dr. Chadwick as Chair of the Board of Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Jones-McNamara. With no other nominations for Chair; nominations were closed. The vote carried unanimously.

Ms. Young stated that Dr. Chadwick was also appointed to the Board of Health Professions.

Petition for Rule-Making

Ms. Young discussed a petition for rule-making from Matilda Kennon. The petition asked that the Board waive the licensure requirement of a master's degree for a school speech-language pathologist. Ms. Jones-McNamara made a motion that the petition requires a statutory change and that the Board, at this time, does not support the change.
The motion was properly seconded by Ms. Moss. The vote carried unanimously. Ms. Yeatts further stated that there has been no comment in support of Ms. Kennon's petition.

Advisory Letter – 54-1-2400.2(F)

Ms. Yeatts discussed the new sanction of an advisory letter issued .Code of Virginia §54.1-2400.2 She stated that the contents of the advisory letter were strictly confidential. Ms. Yeatts stated that the Attorney General's office is currently reviewing the contents of the letter; therefore, the final document is not available at this time. She further stated that if there is a case and an advisory letter is sent, the case may be closed as undetermined with no violation. Ms. Yeatts stated that an advisory letter may not be sent if violations have been determined; however, a Confidential Consent Agreement may be sent along with an advisory letter.

Adoption of NOIRA for Public Participation Guideline

Ms. Yeatts discussed the need to issue a Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) for the Public Participation Guidelines. She stated every four years a complete review of the laws is required to make the regulations available for public comment. Ms. Yeatts stated that there will be no major changes in the PPG regulations. She stated that letters will be sent to the PPG list to request e-mail addresses in order to cut down on costs as addressed in §18VAC30-10-40(B). Dr. Klein made a motion to issue the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action for PPG review. The motion was properly seconded by Ms. Jones-McNamara. The vote carried unanimously.

Board of Health Professions Meeting of July 18, 2006

Ms. Young stated she submitted a request for Mr. Spencer, our citizen Board member to attend the meeting in Williamsburg, VA on October 18-20, 2006. She also asked Dr. Chadwick to check her availability on those dates and consider attending the conference in Williamsburg.

Board of Hearing Aid Specialists

The meeting minutes of the Board of Hearing Aid Specialists of July 12, 2006 were provided as general information.

Professional News

ASHA News

Ms. Young provided ASHA News for Board review.

National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Ms. Young provided the convention notice regarding the National Council of State Boards of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. Ms. Moss made a motion to nominate Ms. Jones-McNamara to attend the conference in Atlanta, Georgia from October 12-14, 2006. The motion was properly seconded by Dr. Chadwick. The vote carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Legislative/Regulatory Committee

Provisional License Regulations

Ms. Yeatts stated that the Emergency Regulations regarding the provisional license will be published September 4, 2006 and will become effective on September 1, 2006. She stated that the provisional license will be effective for one year; however, it may be renewed after one year with permission from the Board. The emergency regulations expire August 31, 2007; therefore a NOIRA will be mailed after October 4, 2006 to begin the proposed regulatory process.

Provisional License Applications

Ms. Young provided a draft copy of the provisional licensure application for review by the Board.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Licensee Statistics

Ms. Young stated that the number of licensees has increased 10-15% over the past two years.

Case Statistics

Ms. Young stated that there are currently thirteen disciplinary cases, the lowest caseload in the entire agency.

Budget

Ms. Young stated the staff continues to examine means to reduce operating costs. One measure would be to send letters to the PPG list requesting e-mail addresses. Dr. Klein thought it may be helpful to include that the Board is trying to avoid a fee increase; therefore, providing e-mail addresses would drastically cut down on costs.

Calendar

Ms. Young stated that she has prepared the calendar for 2007.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the Board adjourned at 10:40 a.m

Michael Ridenhour, Au.D., Chair	Elizabeth Young, Executive Director
Date	Date