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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
BUREAU OF PROFESSIONAL AND OCCUPATIONAL AFFAIRS

F I N A L M I N U T E S

MEETING OF:

**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN SPEECH-LANGUAGE
PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY**

TIME: 10:44 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2601 North Third Street

One Penn Center, Board Room C

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

March 31, 2023

1 State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language
2 Pathology and Audiology
3 March 31, 2023
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6 BOARD MEMBERS:
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8 Patrick M. Murphy, Au.D., M.Ed., CCC-A, FAAA
9 Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
10 Professional and Occupational Affairs
11 Lisa A. Butler, M.A., CCC-SLP, Vice Chairperson
12 Sarah E. Delano, M.Ed., CCC-A, Secretary
13 Amy S. Goldman, MS, CCC-SLP
14 Andrew A. McCall, M.D., FACS - Absent
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17 BUREAU PERSONNEL:
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19 Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel
20 Carlton Smith, Deputy Chief Counsel, Prosecution
21 Division
22 Amber Lee Czerniakowski, Board Prosecution Liaison
23 Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
24 Shakeena L. Chappelle, Board Administrator
25 Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Esquire, Executive Deputy
26 Chief Counsel, Department of State
27 Deena Parmelee, Legal Office Administrator 1,
28 Department of State
29 Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Executive Policy Specialist,
30 Department of State
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33 ALSO PRESENT:
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35 Nancy Carlino, MA, CCC-SLP, President, Pennsylvania
36 Speech-Language-Hearing Association
37 Ted Mowatt, CAE, Vice President/Lobbyist, Wanner
38 Associates, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Academy
39 of
40 Audiology
41 Angie Armbrust, Senior Associate, McNees-Winter
42 Group LLC, representing the Pennsylvania
43 Speech-Language-Hearing Association
44 Jennifer Smeltz, Republican Executive Director,
45 Senate
46 Consumer Protection & Professional Licensure
47 Committee
48 Ben Morrow
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6 [Pursuant to Section 708(a)(1) and 708(a)(5) of the
7 Sunshine Act, at 10:00 a.m. the Board entered into
8 Executive Session with Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire,
9 Board Counsel, for the purpose of conducting quasi-
10 judicial deliberations on the matters on the agenda
11 and to receive advice of Board Counsel. The Board
12 returned to open session at 10:30 a.m.]

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14 The regularly scheduled meeting of the State
15 Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and
16 Audiology was held on Friday, March 31, 2023.
17 Patrick M. Murphy, Au.D., M.Ed., CCC-A, FAAA, Chair,
18 called the meeting to order at 10:44 a.m.

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20 Introduction of Board Members/Attendees

21 [Shakeena L. Chappelle, Board Administrator, provided
22 an introduction of Board members and attendees.]

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24 Approval of minutes of the December 2, 2022 meeting

25 CHAIR MURPHY:

1 On the agenda is the approval of the
2 draft minutes.

3 MS. GOLDMAN:

4 I will accept the draft minutes.

5 CHAIR MURPHY:

6 Do I have a second?

7 MS. DELANO:

8 I second.

9 CHAIR MURPHY:

10 Any discussion on the minutes.

11 [The Board discussed corrections to the minutes.]

12 CHAIR MURPHY:

13 Any other additions or corrections to
14 the minutes? Any further discussion?

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16 Shakeena, please call the roll.

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18 Patrick Murphy; aye; Arion Claggett,

19 aye; Lisa Butler, aye; Sarah Delano,

20 aye; Amy Goldman, aye.

21 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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23 Report of Prosecutorial Division

24 [Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor,

25 had nothing to report. He introduced Amber

1 Czerniakowski as the new prosecution liaison for
2 their Board.]

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4 Appointment - Prosecution Division Annual Report
5 Presentation

6 [Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Esquire, Executive Deputy
7 Chief Counsel, Department of State, informed Board
8 members that she is now the executive deputy chief
9 counsel for the Department of State but is presenting
10 to the Board on behalf of the prosecution division in
11 her former role to provide the presentation. She
12 announced Carlton Smith as the new deputy chief
13 counsel for the prosecution division.

14 Ms. DeLaurentis presented to the Board to provide
15 a summary of the prosecution division's role and to
16 present annual numbers for 2022. She informed Board
17 members that the Bureau of Professional and
18 Occupational Affairs provides administrative and
19 legal support to all 29 professional and occupational
20 licensing boards and commissions with the mission to
21 protect the health and safety of the public and the
22 integrity of the profession. She noted legal support
23 includes the prosecution division, counsel attorneys,
24 hearing examiners, and support staff.

25 Ms. DeLaurentis explained that the Office of

1 Chief Counsel is under the Governor's Office of
2 General Counsel, and all of the attorneys under the
3 Office of Chief Counsel are assigned to the
4 Department of State, noting the prosecution division
5 is the largest division under the Office of Chief
6 Counsel. She noted the prosecution division works
7 with the Bureau of Enforcement and Investigation
8 (BEI), along with the Professional Compliance Office
9 (PCO).

10 Ms. DeLaurentis stated BEI, PCO, and prosecution
11 are all tasked with receiving complaints,
12 investigating allegations, ensuring public safety,
13 and enforcing compliance with the acts and
14 regulations that govern the 29 licensing boards and
15 commissions.

16 Ms. DeLaurentis stated the prosecution division
17 has five senior prosecuting attorneys because the
18 prosecution division is broken into five teams, where
19 each team is led by a senior prosecutor. She noted
20 they have prosecuting attorneys under their
21 supervision as well as support staff.

22 Ms. DeLaurentis noted Paul Jarabeck, Heather
23 McCarthy, Ray Michalowski, and William Newport are
24 senior prosecutors, along with Karl Geschwindt
25 serving as an acting senior prosecutor. She noted

1 there are currently 32 prosecuting attorneys with 1
2 vacancy, which includes prosecution liaisons.

3 Ms. DeLaurentis explained that prosecution is a
4 complaint-driven agency, noting complaints are
5 received from any source but prefer complaints be
6 submitted through the Pennsylvania Licensing System
7 (PALS) at pals.pa.gov because it is the most
8 efficient. She noted prosecution also accepts
9 complaints from other state and federal agencies, law
10 enforcement, and through media reports.

11 Ms. DeLaurentis discussed levels of review,
12 including jurisdiction checks to see if the complaint
13 falls under their jurisdiction. She mentioned
14 complaints are referred to the appropriate agency if
15 prosecution does not have jurisdiction. She provided
16 a list of complaint categories.

17 Ms. DeLaurentis addressed the prosecution process
18 after determining jurisdiction, where BEI is sent out
19 to interview witnesses and gather evidence.]

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21 [Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
22 Professional and Occupational Affairs, announced an
23 emergency alert and ended the meeting.]

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25 [Due to an emergency alert at One Penn Center, the

1 State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology
2 and Audiology Meeting adjourned at 11 a.m.]

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5 CERTIFICATE

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7 I hereby certify that the foregoing summary
8 minutes of the State Board of Examiners in
9 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Meeting, was
10 reduced to writing by me or under my supervision, and
11 that the minutes accurately summarize the substance
12 of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language
13 Pathology and Audiology Meeting.

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Benjamin Morrow

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Ben Morrow,

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Minute Clerk

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Sargent's Court Reporting

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Service, Inc.

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10:00	Executive Session
10:30	Return to Open Session
10:44	Official Call to Order
10:44	Introduction of Board Members/Attendees
10:46	Approval of Minutes
10:48	Report of Prosecutorial Division
10:49	Appointment - Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Esquire, Executive Deputy Chief Counsel, Department of State, Annual Prosecutorial Division Presentation
11:00	Adjournment