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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: 10:40 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

June 2, 2023

1 State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language
2 Pathology and Audiology
3 June 2, 2023
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6 BOARD MEMBERS:
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8 Patrick M. Murphy, Au.D., M.Ed., CCC-A, FAAA,
9 Chair - Absent
10 Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
11 Professional and Occupational Affairs
12 Lisa A. Butler, M.A., CCC-SLP, Vice Chairperson
13 Sarah E. Delano, M.Ed., CCC-A, Secretary - Absent
14 Amy S. Goldman, MS, CCC-SLP
15 Andrew A. McCall, M.D., FACS
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18 BUREAU PERSONNEL:
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20 Dean F. Picarella, Esquire, Senior Board Counsel
21 Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel
22 Amber Lee Czerniakowski, Board Prosecution Liaison
23 Paul J. Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Board Prosecutor
24 Timothy J. Henderson, Esquire, Board Prosecutor
25 Shakeena L. Chappelle, Board Administrator
26 Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Esquire, Executive Deputy
27 Chief Counsel, Department of State
28 Andrew LaFratte, MPA, Executive Policy Specialist,
29 Department of State
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32 ALSO PRESENT:
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34 Scott Yeager, Outreach Manager, Pennie
35 Dana Bitetti, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Assistant Professor of
36 Communication Sciences and Disorders, La Salle
37 University
38 Louise Keegan, Associate Professor of Speech-Language
39 Pathology, Associate Dean of Rehabilitation
40 Sciences, Moravian University
41 Ted Mowatt, CAE, Vice President/Lobbyist, Wanner
42 Associates, on behalf of the Pennsylvania Academy
43 of
44 Audiology
45 Angie Armbrust, Senior Associate, McNeas-Winter
46 Group LLC, representing the Pennsylvania
47 Speech-Language-Hearing Association
48 Sophia Mahoney
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2 State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language
3 Pathology and Audiology

4 June 2, 2023

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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, June 2, 2023. Lisa A.
17 Butler, M.A., CCC-SLP, Vice Chairperson, called the
18 meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

19 Acting Commissioner Claggett stated Patrick M.
20 Murphy, Au.D., M.Ed., CCC-A, FAAA, Chair, stepped out
21 and was not present at the commencement of the
22 meeting.

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24 Amendment to the Agenda

25 MS. WUCINSKI:

1 My understanding is that the Board
2 wants to amend the agenda to add a
3 discussion on the changing of the
4 September 2023 date.

5 Is there a motion to amend the
6 agenda today?

7 MS. GOLDMAN:

8 I move we amend the agenda to include
9 discussion of the September meeting
10 date.

11 VICE CHAIR BUTLER:

12 I second.

13 MS. WUCINSKI:

14 Shakeena, could you do a roll call?

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16 Commissioner Claggett, aye; Lisa
17 Butler, aye; Amy Goldman, aye; Dr.
18 McCall, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 Roll Call of Board Members/Introduction of Attendees
22 [Shakeena L. Chappelle, Board Administrator, provided
23 a roll call of Board members and an introduction of
24 attendees.]

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1 Approval of minutes of the March 31, 2023 meeting

2 VICE CHAIR BUTLER:

3 Is there any discussion about the
4 meeting minutes and can they be
5 approved?

6 MS. GOLDMAN:

7 I move we approve the minutes from our
8 March 31 abbreviated meeting.

9 VICE CHAIR BUTLER:

10 Could I have a second?

11 DR. MCCALL:

12 Second.

13 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

14 Shakeena, please call the roll.

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16 Commissioner Claggett, aye; Lisa
17 Butler, aye; Amy Goldman, aye; Andrew
18 McCall, abstain.

19 [The motion carried. Andrew McCall abstained from
20 voting on the motion.]

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22 Report of Board Counsel - Miscellaneous

23 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, addressed
24 proposed House Bill 1235 that would authorize
25 Pennsylvania to join the Audiology and Speech-

1 Language Pathology Interstate Compact, where
2 licensees from other compact states would be able to
3 acquire the ability to practice in Pennsylvania and
4 vice versa.

5 Ms. Wucinski informed Board members that the
6 department would be asked to prepare a bill analysis,
7 which would then be sent to Board Counsel if the bill
8 gains traction. She noted that she would reach out
9 to Board members for feedback of their position on
10 the bill and encouraged Board members to visit the
11 General Assembly's website for information concerning
12 the bill.

13 Ms. Goldman mentioned prior discussion regarding
14 the compact, where the Board went on record in
15 support of the compact and now await more information
16 concerning Pennsylvania.]

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18 Report of Regulatory Board Counsel

19 [Dana M. Wucinski, Esquire, Board Counsel, referred
20 to Regulation 16A-6808 regarding licensure by
21 endorsement, noting it was published as proposed on
22 May 27, 2023, and is currently in the 30-day comment
23 period. She noted she would present any comments to
24 the Board for discussion of any changes for final
25 rulemaking.]

1 Ms. Wucinski provided an overview of Act 41
2 licensure by endorsement, which provides an alternate
3 path to licensure for anyone licensed in another
4 jurisdiction that the Board deems substantially
5 equivalent to the requirements for licensure in
6 Pennsylvania and has practiced in that profession 2
7 of the last 5 years. She commented that multiple
8 boards are in various stages of drafting Act 41
9 regulations because it was to be implemented for all
10 boards.]

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12 Report of Board Chairperson

13 [Lisa A. Butler, M.A., CCC-SLP, Vice Chairperson,
14 requested an update regarding the final adoption of
15 the audiology brochure.

16 Ms. Wucinski informed Board members that the
17 final copy of the brochure is in the S-Drive for the
18 Board's review.]

19 MS. GOLDMAN:

20 I move that the most recent version be
21 accepted and moved to the website.

22 DR. MCCALL:

23 I second.

24 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

25 Shakeena, please do a roll call.

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Commissioner Claggett, aye; Lisa

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Butler, aye; Amy Goldman, aye; Andrew

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McCall, aye.

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[The motion carried unanimously.]

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[Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of

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Professional and Occupational Affairs, informed Board

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members that the audiology brochure would be added to

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the website and sent out in an email blast to all

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licensees.

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Vice Chair Butler requested approval to attend

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the National Council of State Boards of Examiners

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Conference October 5-7, 2023, along with Ms. Goldman

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and Ms. Wucinski. She mentioned Ms. Wucinski

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attended the Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing

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Association (PSHA) Conference. She stated it is

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beneficial to see what is happening in other states

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and to also share with other states what is happening

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in Pennsylvania.

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Ms. Goldman commented that the draft agenda has

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been posted with some very interesting topics,

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including artificial intelligence (AI) and exam

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security trends.]

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MS. GOLDMAN:

1 I move that two Board members plus the
2 Board attorney be authorized to attend
3 the National Council of State Boards
4 Board training and conference.

5 DR. MCCALL:

6 I second.

7 MS. WUCINSKI:

8 Shakeena, do a roll call, please.

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10 Commissioner Claggett, aye; Lisa
11 Butler, aye; Amy Goldman, aye; Andrew
12 McCall, aye.

13 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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15 Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

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17 Report from Other Board Members

18 Lisa A. Butler, M.A., CCC-SLP, Vice Chairperson,
19 noted the 2023 PSHA Conference was successful and
20 having Ms. Wucinski present for legal matters was
21 great. She stated it was educational and wonderful
22 to be with members and to present.

23 Ms. Goldman commented that the Board is open to
24 speaking at the Pennsylvania Academy of Audiology if
25 the opportunity arises. She noted Ms. Wucinski

1 mentioned presenting next year on the investigation
2 process.

3 Ms. Wucinski commented that she has presentations
4 in her library of endless topics and the different
5 steps the Department of State takes as far as the
6 beginning of the process of a criminal complaint to
7 Board review. She mentioned that the licensure
8 update was successful, noting the importance of
9 keeping licensees up to date on different laws and
10 acts that have passed.

11 Ted Mowatt, CAE, Vice President, Wanner
12 Associates, on behalf of Pennsylvania Academy of
13 Audiology, informed Board members that the
14 Pennsylvania Academy of Audiology (PAA) Conference is
15 August 17-18 and would provide more details at a
16 later date. He noted PAA would like to have a
17 similar presentation and Board member attendance as
18 in past years.

19 Ms. Goldman addressed the National Council of
20 State Boards of Examiners call for nomination until
21 June 30 for the board of directors and honors until
22 June 15 and asked how the Board would like to
23 represent Pennsylvania.

24 Vice Chair Butler nominated Ms. Goldman for a
25 position on the board because she has been a presence

1 in Pennsylvania and nationally for speech-language
2 pathology and audiology to help consumers and
3 everything else on the forefront.]

4 VICE CHAIR BUTLER:

5 Can I give the motion?

6 MS. WUCINSKI:

7 Lisa made a motion that the Board would
8 nominate Amy Goldman for the board of
9 directors.

10 Is there a second on that motion?

11 DR. MCCALL:

12 I second that.

13 MS. WUCINSKI:

14 Shakeena can do the roll call.

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16 Commissioner Claggett, aye; Lisa

17 Butler, aye; Amy Goldman, aye; Andrew

18 McCall, aye.

19 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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21 Report of Board Administrator - No Report

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23 Review of Applications

24 MS. WUCINSKI:

25 At agenda item 8, I believe the Board

1 VICE CHAIR BUTLER:

2 Can I have a motion?

3 MS. GOLDMAN:

4 I so move.

5 VICE CHAIR BUTLER:

6 Can I have a second?

7 DR. MCCALL:

8 I'll second the motion.

9 VICE CHAIR BUTLER:

10 Can I have a roll call, please?

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12 Commissioner Claggett, aye; Lisa

13 Butler, aye; Amy Goldman, aye; Andrew

14 McCall, abstain.

15 [The motion carried. Andrew McCall abstained from
16 voting on the motion.]

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18 Miscellaneous

19 [Amy S. Goldman, MS, CCC-SLP, noted discussion at the
20 National Council of State Boards of Examiners
21 regarding what other states are doing to make sure
22 licensees are well informed on ethics and cultural
23 competence. She mentioned that some states have
24 requirements, noting some have a requirement for
25 biennial upon renewal that there be a jurisprudence

1 exam. She mentioned that is not possible for their
2 Board but did submit for discussion of a possible
3 mailing that could go out to licensees with self-
4 study questions regarding ethics.

5 Ms. Goldman noted that it is not a test but a
6 preamble explaining the importance of ethics and
7 whether they could answer the questions.

8 Vice Chair Butler commented that all of the
9 states are developing a requirement in continuing
10 education units (CEUs) for ethics and offered to
11 provide information from other states at the next
12 Board meeting.

13 Acting Commissioner Claggett informed Board
14 members that something could be sent to licensees
15 after review of the questions because it would be
16 informational and not a requirement.

17 Vice Chair Butler addressed implementing a web
18 page for speech-language pathology and audiology but
19 apologized for the confusion. She explained that the
20 Board does have information on the site for speech-
21 language pathology and audiology. She noted speaking
22 with Acting Commissioner Claggett regarding putting
23 something on that page related to insight of
24 something going on and would discuss that more as a
25 Board.

1 Vice Chair Butler addressed the Board's request
2 for the prosecution division to provide more detailed
3 information regarding the number of citations.

4 Ms. Wucinski suggested the Board ask Ms.
5 DeLaurentis for an additional report specifically for
6 citations.

7 Vice Chair Butler thanked Acting Commissioner
8 Claggett and the state for providing a self-learning
9 plan to better understand how to submit a travel
10 expense report for training and travel.]

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12 Report of Prosecutorial Division

13 [Amber Lee Czerniakowski, Esquire, Board Prosecution
14 Liaison, informed Board members that prosecution is
15 trying to do more outreach to licensees and
16 prospective licensees. She noted reaching out to
17 West Chester University and Penn State University to
18 be able to talk with students in the speech-language
19 pathology program and educate prospective licensees
20 about who they are as the prosecution division.

21 Ms. Czerniakowski offered prosecution's
22 assistance in providing information regarding their
23 process as part of any presentations. She also
24 welcomed any contacts Board members have to make it
25 easier to provide the presentations.]

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Appointment - Prosecution Division Annual Report
Presentation

[Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Esquire, Executive Deputy Chief Counsel, Department of State, informed Board members that she is now the executive deputy chief counsel for the Department of State but is presenting to the Board on behalf of the prosecution division to provide the presentation.

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

Ms. DeLaurentis explained that the Office of Chief Counsel is under the Governor's Office of General Counsel, and all of the attorneys under the Office of Chief Counsel are assigned to the Department of State, noting the prosecution division

1 is the largest division under the Office of Chief
2 Counsel. She noted the prosecution division works
3 with the Bureau of Enforcement and Investigation
4 (BEI), along with the Professional Compliance Office
5 (PCO).

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

12 Ms. DeLaurentis stated the prosecution division
13 has five senior prosecuting attorneys because the
14 prosecution division is broken into five teams, where
15 each team is led by a senior prosecutor. She noted
16 Paul Jarabeck, Heather McCarthy, Ray Michalowski, and
17 William Newport are senior prosecutors, along with
18 Karl Geschwindt serving as an acting senior
19 prosecutor. She noted there are about 33 prosecuting
20 attorneys, which includes prosecution liaisons.

21 Ms. DeLaurentis explained that prosecution is a
22 complaint-driven agency, noting complaints are
23 received from any source but prefer complaints be
24 submitted through the Pennsylvania Licensing System
25 (PALS) at pals.pa.gov because it is the most

1 efficient. She noted prosecution also accepts
2 complaints from other states, law enforcement, and
3 through media reports.

4 Ms. DeLaurentis discussed levels of review,
5 including jurisdiction checks to see if the complaint
6 falls under their jurisdiction. She mentioned
7 complaints are referred to the appropriate agency if
8 prosecution does not have jurisdiction. She provided
9 a list of complaint categories.

10 Ms. DeLaurentis stated prosecution works with BEI
11 and investigators to determine whether there is a
12 violation of the act or regulation. She noted BEI
13 conducts investigations, interviews witnesses, and
14 gathers documents and facts.

15 Ms. DeLaurentis addressed the various levels of
16 review and determining whether there was a violation.
17 She explained that matters could be closed if there
18 is not a violation to focus attention on cases where
19 there may be a violation.

20 Ms. DeLaurentis noted prosecutors make charging
21 decisions in conjunction with the seniors and their
22 team if it is determined they have jurisdiction and
23 there may be a violation. She addressed charging
24 decisions, where they could file an order to show
25 cause or issue a citation. She noted the licensees

1 have the ability to challenge the charges through a
2 hearing process, noting it is similar to a regular
3 criminal trial, where both parties enter evidence
4 through witness testimony, documents, and legal
5 arguments.

6 Ms. DeLaurentis noted hearing examiners typically
7 issue a proposed adjudication and order and then the
8 final decision is made by the Board because they have
9 the power to impose discipline. She addressed
10 consent agreements, where both parties have
11 negotiated and reached a settlement they wished to
12 present before the Board, but the Board has the final
13 authority of whether to accept or reject the consent
14 agreement.

15 Ms. DeLaurentis addressed the prosecution
16 division's role at Board meetings, including
17 presenting consent agreements and listening to
18 concerns of the Board. She pointed out that
19 prosecution has a confidentiality statute that
20 applies to their files, where all of the contents
21 within their files is confidential under the law and
22 is why prosecution cannot speak on some matters.

23 Ms. DeLaurentis mentioned that all prosecution
24 attorneys and staff sign a confidentiality affidavit
25 indicating that they would abide by that and face

1 discipline if they do not.

2 Ms. DeLaurentis stated BEI conducts interviews
3 and inspections for certain boards to obtain
4 evidence. She noted BEI also serves subpoenas and
5 deliver orders and letters, along with testifying to
6 the results of their investigations and inspections.

7 She noted BEI does not have unlimited access to
8 locations or documents, is not considered a law
9 enforcement agency under Pennsylvania law, and does
10 not have search warrant authority.

11 Ms. DeLaurentis addressed document authority,
12 where some boards have regulations and statutes that
13 require cooperation if a request is made to review
14 their records but not everyone complies and would be
15 another charging decision prosecutors would need to
16 make.

17 Ms. DeLaurentis addressed post-investigation,
18 where BEI is gathering facts and present the evidence
19 to prosecution. She stated BEI is not determining
20 whether or not a law has been violated or determining
21 whether someone should be charged because that is the
22 role of the prosecution division. She noted
23 prosecuting attorneys work with support staff to
24 determine whether there was a violation to decide
25 whether to close the matter or present the case.

1 Ms. DeLaurentis addressed immediate temporary
2 suspensions, where a license is immediately suspended
3 if someone is an immediate danger to the health and
4 safety of the public. She noted automatic
5 suspensions include 302 commitments for someone who
6 was involuntarily committed for a mental health
7 issue, drug act violations, and orders for
8 examination for mainly health care licensees. She
9 also noted petitions for appropriate relief are when
10 someone has violated a board order.

11 Ms. DeLaurentis stated levels of discipline
12 include revocations, suspensions, probations,
13 reprimands, fines, remedial education, and cost of
14 the investigation.

15 Ms. DeLaurentis referred to the confidentiality
16 statute under 63 Pa.C.S. § 3109, where prosecution and
17 investigative files are deemed privileged and
18 confidential under the law. She explained that
19 investigative records are deemed noncriminal
20 investigative records and exempt from disclosure
21 under the Right-to-Know Law.

22 Ms. DeLaurentis stated information could be
23 shared with other licensing boards and law
24 enforcement in furtherance of investigative efforts
25 but only their final action could be shared publicly,

1 including final adjudications and orders, final
2 consent agreements, and final letters.

3 Ms. DeLaurentis provided data as of January 3,
4 2023, that includes notary and the Navigation
5 Commission but not charities. She reported the
6 number of open cases for the whole prosecution
7 division was 13,154. She noted 16,084 cases were
8 opened in 2022 and 17,826 were closed. She also
9 noted the number of cases opened in 2021 was 18,363
10 and 15,994 cases closed. She thanked the prosecution
11 division, counsel division, BEI, Board staff, legal
12 staff, and the Board for their group effort.

13 Ms. DeLaurentis addressed specific information
14 for the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language
15 Pathology and Audiology as of January 3, 2023, noting
16 71 cases were opened in 2022 and 43 closed. She
17 reported 42 cases were opened in 2021 and 53 closed.

18 She noted the Board currently has 48 open cases,
19 which was around 20 in 2022.

20 Ms. DeLaurentis referred to disposition of closed
21 cases, including discipline and non-discipline. She
22 stated there were 10 cases that involved fines in
23 2022 and 3 Act 48/citation cases, which has been
24 consistent with 2021 and prior years.

25 Ms. DeLaurentis addressed Z codes, noting they

1 are internal codes used in their system when
2 determining how to close a matter. She noted Z18 are
3 the warning letters.

4 Ms. Wucinski informed Ms. DeLaurentis that a lot
5 of licensees are confused about their biennial
6 renewal requirement, which is the 20 hours versus Act
7 48, which is the Pennsylvania Department of
8 Education's Act 48 that requires teachers to complete
9 a certain number of continuing education hours every
10 5 years. She wanted to clarify that Act 48 on the
11 sheet has nothing to do with the Pennsylvania
12 Department of Education. She further explained that
13 Act 48 under their law is the citation law.

14 Ms. DeLaurentis thanked Ms. Wucinski for bringing
15 the information to her attention and believed the Act
16 48 citations should be reported as citations in the
17 future.

18 Ms. DeLaurentis addressed the earlier request
19 from the Board and informed Board members that
20 prosecution would be able to provide more information
21 regarding citations. She also noted that an annual
22 report is issued to the General Assembly, which
23 includes complaint categories and types of cases, and
24 would provide that report to the Board.

25 Vice Chair Butler asked whether audiology,

1 speech, and assistants are ever divided.

2 Ms. DeLaurentis suggested the Board provide the
3 specific breakdown information to Board Counsel so
4 prosecution could provide that data.

5 Mr. Jarabeck provided data from January 1, 2020,
6 through the current day, and reported seven citations
7 for the Board with one in 2020, one in 2021, three in
8 2022, and two as of 2023. He noted citations that
9 occurred in 2022 and 2023 are based on continuing
10 education and matters beforehand were generally a
11 lapsed license.

12 Ms. Goldman asked whether an audit has been
13 completed on renewals from 2022.

14 Mr. Jarabeck explained that an audit would come
15 from Board staff to the prosecution division to
16 review and make final determinations as to whether
17 there are formal prosecutorial actions that would
18 result in an order to show cause and potentially
19 closure of the matter through a consent agreement and
20 order or there could be the Act 48 citation or
21 closure of the case if prosecution is not
22 appropriate. He explained that the process is still
23 ongoing in terms of prosecution.

24 Ms. DeLaurentis addressed warning letters, noting
25 they are non-disciplinary but are used for de minimis

1 violations or CE issues that somebody rectified. She
2 noted warning letters are a great tool for
3 prosecutors on behalf of the Board to remind
4 licensees to follow the act and regulations to
5 protect the health and safety of the public and
6 maintain the integrity of the profession.

7 Vice Chair Butler thanked Ms. DeLaurentis for the
8 presentation.]

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10 Appointment - Pennsylvania Insurance Department -

11 Pennie Health Insurance Presentation

12 [Scott Yeager, Outreach Manager, Pennie, presented to
13 the Board to provide information about the
14 Pennsylvania Health Insurance Exchange Authority,
15 commonly known as Pennie, which is the official
16 health insurance marketplace in the Commonwealth of
17 Pennsylvania.

18 Mr. Yeager stated the Pennie launched November 1,
19 2020, and has been able to transition customers from
20 HealthCare.gov to pennie.com, initially transferring
21 about 280,000 to a current enrollment of about
22 371,000 people in Pennsylvania.

23 Mr. Yeager explained that Pennie exists
24 predominantly to help the uninsured in Pennsylvania
25 who cannot access Medicare and Medicaid options. He

1 reported 1 in 20 Pennsylvanians do not have health
2 insurance, noting Pennie provides a competitive
3 marketplace to make sure individual health insurance
4 rates and premiums are affordable, provide choice,
5 and help with financial assistance. He noted that 90
6 percent of Pennie customers qualify for some type of
7 financial assistance by way of advanced premium tax
8 credits to reduce the monthly premium, along with
9 cost-sharing reductions aligned with silver plans to
10 reduce copays, deductibles, and coinsurance.

11 Mr. Yeager stated individuals helped through
12 Pennie include those who lose employer-sponsored
13 coverage, small business owners, sole proprietors,
14 and others who do not have access to group insurance
15 plans. He reported 37 percent of customers are 55
16 and over and 40 percent of customers pay less than
17 \$75 a month for quality health insurance. He
18 mentioned that Pennie has several health insurance
19 carriers and multiple plan options, along with dental
20 insurance providers.

21 Mr. Yeager addressed open enrollment, which is
22 from November 1 to January 15 but also has a special
23 enrollment period from January through December for a
24 qualifying life event and provided a list of
25 qualifying events. He explained that the qualifying

1 life event is yearlong for individuals and families
2 at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level
3 and do not qualify for Medical Assistance.

4 Mr. Yeager addressed a program called the Path to
5 Pennie, which is a partnership between Pennie and the
6 Pennsylvania Department of Revenue to help uninsured
7 tax filers in Pennsylvania. He explained that Form
8 REV-1882 could be completed and attached to their
9 state tax return and then the Pennsylvania Department
10 of Revenue securely shares that individual or
11 family's information with Pennie. He noted Pennie
12 then sets up an account, informs the individual of
13 their eligibility for financial assistance, and
14 connects them with resources to help them receive
15 insurance.

16 Mr. Yeager addressed the ending of continuous
17 coverage and the continuous coverage requirement for
18 individuals protected under Medical Assistance during
19 the pandemic. He stated the Department of Human
20 Services has not had an annual redetermination
21 process for those individuals and families but noted
22 that the redetermination process started again on
23 April 1, 2023, and encouraged everyone to inform
24 individuals of Pennie.

25 Mr. Yeager noted toolkits and other resources are

1 available to help people connect with Pennie and
2 welcomed everyone to join their workgroup the second
3 Friday of every month. He noted that uninsured
4 individuals could be referred to 844-844-8040 to
5 connect with Pennie and local assistance in their
6 neighborhood.

7 Vice Chair Butler thanked Mr. Yeager for the
8 presentation.]

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10 Adjournment

11 VICE CHAIR BUTLER:

12 Could I have a motion to adjourn the
13 meeting?

14 MS. GOLDMAN:

15 You got a motion.

16 VICE CHAIR BUTLER:

17 Can I have a second?

18 DR. MCCALL:

19 Second.

20 VICE CHAIR BUTLER:

21 I motion to adjourn this meeting and
22 have a wonderful summer.

23 [The motion carried unanimously.]

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25 [There being no further business, the State Board of

1 Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
2 Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.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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Sophia Mahoney,

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Minute Clerk

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Sargent's Court Reporting

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10:00	Executive Session
10:30	Return to Open Session
10:40	Official Call to Order
10:41	Amendment to the Agenda
10:42	Roll Call of Board Members
10:42	Introduction of Attendees
10:45	Approval of Minutes
10:46	Report of Board Counsel
10:50	Report of Board Chairperson
10:54	Report from Other Board Members
11:01	Review of Applications
11:05	Miscellaneous
11:11	Report of Prosecutorial Division
11:15	Appointment - Carolyn A. DeLaurentis, Esquire, Executive Deputy Chief Counsel, Department of State, Annual Prosecutorial Division Presentation
11:51	Appointment - Pennsylvania Insurance Department - Pennie Health Insurance Presentation
12:10	Adjournment