

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: 10:32 A.M.

Held at

PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

2525 North 7th Street

CoPA HUB, Eaton Conference Room

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

as well as

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

June 12, 2026

State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language
Pathology and Audiology
June 12, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS:

Lisa A. Butler, M.A., CCC-SLP, Chair
Arion R. Claggett, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of
Professional and Occupational Affairs
Patrick M. Murphy, Au.D., M.Ed., CCC-A, FAAA
Theresa Jacopetti, Speech-Language Pathologist
Robert Sataloff, M.D., DMA, FACS - Absent
Courtney Eisenhart, Au.D., CCC-A, Vice-Chairperson

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel
Denice Szekely, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Lorese Alli, Board Administrator
Addie Abelson, Esquire, Regulatory Counsel
Taylor Koch, Fiscal Chief, Bureau of Finance and
Procurement
Michael Howard, Fiscal Management Specialist, Bureau
of Finance and Procurement
Alexa Davies, Legal Intern

ALSO PRESENT:

Dana Bitetti, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, Associate Professor and
Graduate Program Director, Communication Sciences,
LaSalle University
Angie Armbrust, Government Affairs Specialist, McNees
Government Relations
Nicole Billak, EdD, Adjunct Professor, Moravian
University, President, Pennsylvania Speech-Language
Hearing Association
Erin Badstuebner, Sargent's Court Reporting Service,
Inc.

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[Pursuant to Section 708(a)(1) and 708(a)(5) of the Sunshine Act, at 10:00 a.m., the Board entered into Executive Session with Ashley B. Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, for the purpose of conducting quasi-judicial deliberations on the matters on the agenda and to receive advice of Board Counsel. The Board returned to open session at 10:32 a.m.]

The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was held on Friday, June 12, 2026. Lisa Butler, M.A., CCC-SLP, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

Roll Call of Board Members/Introduction of Attendees [Lorese Alli, Board Administrator, provided a roll call of Board members and an introduction of attendees. A quorum of Board members was present.]

[Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel, informed

1 everyone that the meeting was being recorded, and
2 those who continued to participate were giving their
3 consent to be recorded.

4 Ms. Goshert also noted the Board entered into
5 Executive Session for the purpose of conducting
6 quasi-judicial deliberations on a number of matters
7 that are currently pending before the Board and to
8 receive the advice of counsel.]

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10 Amendment of Agenda

11 MS. GOSHERT:

12 I believe the Board would entertain a
13 motion to amend today's Agenda to add
14 two additional items under
15 Miscellaneous. The first item being
16 discussion and approval of attendance
17 and related expenses for the PA Academy
18 of Audiology Conference. And the
19 second, discussion and approval of
20 attendance and related expenses for the
21 National Council of State Board of
22 Examiners Conference.

23 CHAIR BUTLER:

24 Do I have a motion?

25 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

1 Claggett, so moved.

2 MS. JACOPETTI:

3 I second it.

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5 Lisa Butler, aye; Commissioner

6 Claggett, aye; Dr. Murphy, aye; Theresa

7 Jacopetti, aye; Dr. Eisenhart, aye.

8 [The motion passed unanimously.]

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10 Approval of Minutes of the March 6, 2026 meeting

11 MS. GOSHERT:

12 It looks like the next order of

13 business is approval of the draft

14 minutes of March 6, 2026. Do we have a

15 motion to approve?

16 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

17 Claggett, so moved.

18 [The Board discussed corrections to the minutes.]

19 MS. GOSHERT:

20 So with those changes, do we have a

21 motion to adopt the minutes?

22 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

23 Claggett, so moved.

24 DR. EISENHART:

25 Second.

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Lisa Butler, aye; Commissioner

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Claggett, aye; Dr. Murphy, aye; Theresa

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Jacopetti, aye; Dr. Eisenhart, aye.

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[The motion passed unanimously.]

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Report of Prosecutorial Division

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[There were no Prosecutors in attendance to present

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the Consent Agreement for Agenda Item No. 2, Case No.

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26-68-004199.]

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MS. GOSHERT:

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I don't believe the Board Members had

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any questions related to this. Are you

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prepared to go ahead and vote?

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Based on Executive Session

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deliberations, I believe the Board

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would entertain a motion to approve the

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Consent Agreement at Agenda Item No. 2,

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Case No. 26-68-004199. Do we have a

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motion?

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ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

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So moved.

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DR. EISENHART:

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Second.

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1 Lisa Butler, aye; Commissioner
2 Claggett, aye; Dr. Murphy, aye; Theresa
3 Jacopetti, aye; Dr. Eisenhart, aye.

4 [The motion passed unanimously. The Respondent's
5 name at Agenda Item No. 2, Case No. 26-68-004199 and
6 Case No. 26-68-004479, is John D. Cherney.]

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8 Report of Board Counsel - No Report

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10 Regulatory Report - No Report

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12 Report of Board Chairperson

13 [Lisa A. Butler, M.A., CCC-SLP, Chair, reported the
14 Board currently had 10,633 speech pathologists and
15 1,194 audiologists. Chair Butler stated the Compact
16 was still in the Senate. Pennsylvania Academy of
17 Audiology (PAA) and Pennsylvania Speech-Language-
18 Hearing Association (PSHA) scheduled an advocacy day
19 in Harrisburg on June 23, 2026. She noted there is
20 an 18-month waiting period once the Compact is
21 passed.

22 Regarding upcoming conferences, Chair Butler
23 reported PSHA just had their annual conference in the
24 spring; however, they were considering a summer
25 conference for 2027. PAA's annual conference is

1 September 30, 2026 through October 2, 2026 in
2 Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The National Council of
3 State Boards of Examiners (NCSB) conference is
4 October 1, 2026 through October 3, 2026 in Denver,
5 Colorado. She noted the conference would be
6 important with new changes to terminologies,
7 definitions, CPT (current procedural terminology)
8 codes, and updates to the certification processes.

9 Chair Butler shared upcoming ASHA webinars
10 including one for the "Supervision of Assistants,
11 Graduate Students, and Clinical Fellows: Billing and
12 Payment Compliance" on June 25, 2026. Chair Butler
13 noted the new CPT codes would go into effect on
14 January 1, 2027. The primary code, 92507, would be
15 deleted and replaced with ten new codes to be used in
16 reported speech and language pathologies treatments.
17 A webinar was available on the subject through ASHA.

18 Chair Butler reminded everyone license renewals
19 are due by July 31, 2026. Failure to complete
20 renewal and payment by 11:59 p.m. on July 31 will
21 result in a lapsed license. She reviewed CE
22 (continuing education) requirements, noting two hours
23 of child abuse CE was mandatory or three hours for
24 initial licensure. She also reviewed the steps of
25 the renewal process.]

Report of Acting Commissioner - No Report

Report from Board Members -

[Patrick M. Murphy, Au.D., M.Ed., CCC-A, FAAA, reported on working with Dr. Eisenhart on the presentation for the PAA conference at the end of September. He would not need any reimbursement for expenses.]

Report of Board Administrator - No Report

Review of Applications - No Report

Appointments - BFP Presentation

[Michael Howard, Fiscal Management Specialist, Bureau of Finance and Procurement (BFP), provided the Annual BFP Presentation. He reviewed a six-year history of the licensee population, noting the speech language pathologist population had increased about 12.7 percent and the audiologist population had increased 8.5 percent in the last biennium. Regarding renewal fees, he reported the license fees for both classes are \$65. The last fee increase was in 2018.

Mr. Howard presented the definitions of revenue.

1 Dr. Murphy asked how much is charged for the
2 licensee list to be sold to outside agencies and if
3 licensees could opt out of being solicited.

4 Acting Commissioner Claggett offered to provide
5 the cost at the next meeting. He explained there is
6 no option to opt out of the list, because BPOA has to
7 share if licensees are active or not. He noted only
8 names, license status, and city are provided. Home
9 addresses are not provided.

10 Mr. Howard presented the biennial revenue from
11 each revenue source to the Board. He noted
12 approximately 95.7 percent of the revenue comes from
13 renewals and applications. The slight increase in
14 projected revenue is due to the increase in licensee
15 counts.

16 Mr. Howard next referred to a list of definitions
17 for expenses. Dr. Murphy asked if the membership
18 fees listed under Board Member expenses were
19 restricted or would cover any national organization
20 the Board Member is a professional member to.

21 Ms. Goshert stated the dues covered are for the
22 Board itself belonging to NCSB, not the dues paid by
23 individual Board Members.

24 Mr. Howard provided a breakdown of expenditures
25 by category. He explained costs can be charged to

1 the Board in three different ways: Timesheet based,
2 direct charges, and by licensee population. He noted
3 the expected increase in the current biennial period
4 was largely due to the modernization of the licensing
5 system.

6 Taylor Koch, Fiscal Chief, Bureau of Finance and
7 Procurement, presented the Board's revenue and
8 expenses together. He noted moving forward the
9 expenses were projected to outpace revenues. He
10 explained typically BFP will recommend a fee increase
11 when two consecutive biennia show the revenues not
12 covering the expenses. However, due to a number of
13 factors, he would be monitoring the revenue and
14 expenses. He planned to return to the Board in the
15 fall with an updated projection that would include
16 how the license renewal period ended up.

17 Dr. Murphy asked if there was anywhere in the
18 budget where the Board could cut back to help prevent
19 a deficit.

20 Mr. Koch replied the main category the Board
21 would have any control over would be Board Member
22 expenses which covers charges like travel and
23 conference registrations. All of the other
24 categories are expenses incurred by third parties or
25 people within the Department of State who are doing

1 work for the Board. He noted many costs are driven
2 by investigations and prosecution costs. He also
3 explained other costs such as Board administration,
4 the stenographer, departmental services, and the
5 licensing modernization project. Regarding the
6 licensing modernization, he noted the costs are
7 divided among all of the boards based on licensee
8 counts. He also mentioned BFP is looking at possible
9 streamlining of efficiencies that would not be a
10 direct impact to only the Board but would help with
11 global expenses impacting all boards.

12 Mr. Koch noted the Board had not had an increase
13 since 2018. He explained a lot had happened in the
14 last eight years, including the economy becoming more
15 expensive post-COVID. He emphasized BFP is in a
16 monitoring phase for the Board.

17 Dr. Murphy thanked Mr. Koch for his comprehensive
18 answer. He noted there was a large jump in legal
19 administration between FY22/23 and FY24. He asked if
20 the legal costs were specific to the Board or shared
21 across all boards.

22 Mr. Koch explained there was a trend with a lot
23 of the boards dating to FY23 where teams were created
24 to focus on smaller boards and deep dive into older
25 cases to clean things up. This causes costs to spike

1 towards the end of FY23 into FY24 for some boards.
2 He stated the costs from those cases were beginning
3 to level out.

4 Dr. Murphy asked if Mr. Koch could provide the
5 number of cases worked on from 2022 to 2025.

6 Mr. Koch reported, in 2022, there were eight
7 cases with 32 associated hours; 2023, there were 11
8 cases at 55 hours; 2024, there were seven cases with
9 50 hours; and 2025, six investigations at 24 hours.
10 He noted the hours in 2024 with fewer cases could be
11 attributed to someone with a higher pay rate filling
12 in for a vacancy.

13 Ms. Jacopetti asked if the compact, if and when
14 it passed, would have an impact on the expense
15 report.

16 Mr. Koch stated the compact would have an effect.
17 He noted the compacts were being monitored by BFP's
18 legislative affairs team. He commented the Nursing
19 Board recently went through a compact, and BFP did
20 factor the compact into their projections. He noted
21 BFP would always share any new details with the
22 Board.

23 Ms. Jacopetti asked if Mr. Koch could speculate
24 if the compact had been positive or negative for the
25 Nursing Board's numbers.

1 Mr. Koch explained the Nursing Board has multiple
2 renewals in a period and was about halfway through
3 their renewals. The Nursing Board also has a
4 significant licensee count of over 300,000. With a
5 large portion of renewals to go, BFP cannot provide
6 an accurate depiction on how the compact will affect
7 the Nursing Board. He may be able to provide
8 additional information on the impact when he returns
9 in the fall. He urged the Board, in the meantime, to
10 send any questions to Ms. Alli who can forward them
11 to BFP.]

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13 Miscellaneous

14 MS. GOSHERT:

15 I believe the Board would entertain a
16 motion to authorize Dr. Murphy and Dr.
17 Eisenhart to attend the PA Academy of
18 Audiology conference to be held
19 September 30th through October 2nd of
20 this year in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania,
21 and to approve related travel and
22 attendance expenses if submitted.

23 CHAIR BUTLER:

24 Do I have a motion?

25 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

1 Claggett, so moved.

2 MS. JACOPETTI:

3 I second that motion.

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5 Lisa Butler, aye; Commissioner

6 Claggett, aye; Dr. Murphy, aye; Theresa

7 Jacopetti, aye; Dr. Eisenhart, aye.

8 [The motion passed unanimously.]

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10 MS. GOSHERT:

11 I believe the Board would entertain a
12 motion to authorize Lisa Butler, the
13 Board Administrator, and Board Counsel
14 to attend the National Council of State
15 Boards of Examiners conference in
16 Denver, Colorado, to be held October
17 1st through the 3rd of this year and to
18 approve related travel and attendance
19 expenses.

20 CHAIR BUTLER:

21 Do I have a motion?

22 ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

23 Claggett, so moved.

24 DR. EISENHART:

25 Second.

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Lisa Butler, aye; Commissioner

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Claggett, aye; Dr. Murphy, aye; Theresa

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Jacopetti, aye; Dr. Eisenhart, aye.

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[The motion passed unanimously.]

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Public Comment Period - None

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Adjournment

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CHAIR BUTLER:

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I'd like to adjourn this meeting.

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MS. GOSHERT:

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Do we have a motion to adjourn?

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ACTING COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

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Claggett, so moved.

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DR. EISENHART:

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Second.

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[There being no further business, the State Board of

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Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

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Meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.]

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CERTIFICATE

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erin Badstuebner", is written over a horizontal line.

Erin Badstuebner,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

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REFERENCE INDEX

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TIME

AGENDA

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10:32	Return to Open Session
10:32	Official Call to Order
10:32	Roll Call of Board Members
10:35	Amendment of Agenda
10:35	Approval of Minutes
10:36	Report of Prosecutorial Division
10:38	Report of Board Chairperson
10:46	Report of Board Members
10:47	Appointments - BFP Presentation
11:09	Miscellaneous
11:13	Adjournment