

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: 10:30 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

March 6, 2026

State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language
Pathology and Audiology
March 6, 2026

BOARD MEMBERS:

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

BUREAU PERSONNEL:

Ashley Goshert, Esquire, Board Counsel
Denice Szekely, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison
Shana Walter, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,
Prosecution Division
Paul Jarabeck, Esquire, Senior Prosecutor, Department
of State
Shakeena L. Chappelle, Board Administrator
Deena Parmelee, Legal Office Administrator,
Department of State

ALSO PRESENT:

Dana Bitetti, Ph.D., CCC-SLT, LaSalle University
Jacky Mouafo
Angie Armbrust, Senior Associate, McNees-Winter
Group LLC
Allison Walker, 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 10:30 a.m.]

The regularly scheduled meeting of the State Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology was held on Friday, March 6, 2026. Lisa Butler, M.A., CCC-SLP, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

Roll Call of Board Members/Introduction of Attendees [Shakeena L. Chappelle, 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.]

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5 Approval of Minutes of the December 12, 2025 meeting

6 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER:

7 For the December 12, 2025, are there
8 any corrections or changes?

9 [The Board discussed corrections to the minutes.]

10 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER:

11 Do I have a motion to approve the draft
12 amendments for December 12, 2025?

13 COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

14 So moved.

15 DR. MURPHY:

16 Second.

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18 Lisa Butler, aye; Commissioner
19 Claggett, aye; Dr. Murphy, aye; Theresa
20 Jacopetti, aye; Robert Sataloff, aye;
21 Dr. Courtney Eisenhart, aye.

22 [The motion passed unanimously.]

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24 Report of Prosecutorial Division

25 [Denice Szekely, Esquire, Board Prosecution Liaison,

1 presented Consent Agreement at Item No. 2, Case No.
2 24-68-009676.]

3 MS. GOSHERT:

4 Pursuant to Section 708(a)(5) of the
5 Sunshine Act, at 10:00 a.m., the Board
6 entered into Executive Session with
7 Counsel for purposes of conducting
8 quasi-judicial deliberations and to
9 receive the advice of Counsel.

10 Based on the Executive Session
11 deliberations, I believe the Board
12 would entertain a motion to approve the
13 Consent Agreement at Case No. 24-68-
14 009676.

15 CHAIRPERSON BUTLER:

16 Do we have a motion?

17 COMMISSIONER CLAGGETT:

18 So moved.

19 DR. MURPHY:

20 Second.

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22 Lisa Butler, aye; Commissioner
23 Claggett, aye; Dr. Murphy, aye; Theresa
24 Jacopetti, aye; Robert Sataloff, aye;
25 Dr. Courtney Eisenhart, aye.

1 [The motion passed unanimously. The Respondent's
2 name at Case No. 24-68-009676 is Susan C. Chaplick.]

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4 Report of Board Counsel - No Report

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6 Regulatory Report - No Report

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8 Report of Board Chairperson

9 [Chairperson Butler reviewed the Board Member names
10 and changes. She was the new Chairperson for the
11 Board. She also stated that Courtney Eisenhart,
12 Audiologist, was the new Vice Chairperson. Dr.
13 Patrick Murphy, Audiologist, is a Board Member.
14 Theresa Jacopetti, Speech Language Pathologist, is a
15 new Board Member.

16 Chairperson Butler noted Ashley Goshert, Esquire,
17 was their Board Counsel, and Shakeena L. Chappelle is
18 the Board Administrator. Additionally, Chairperson
19 Butler expressed her appreciation for new Board
20 Member Robert Sataloff, a physician.

21 Chairperson updated the Board about the fact that
22 telehealth visits between patients and their medical
23 practitioners was now good through December 31, 2027.
24 She noted, as of July, 2025, the PA House passed the
25 Compact unanimously. On February 4, 2026, the Senate

1 and Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure
2 Committee voted to move the bill forward with an
3 amendment stating that it will take a full 18 months
4 to be put into full effect. She stated the biggest
5 variable they have is that the Senate must prioritize
6 the bill for full floor vote. This is a process that
7 is moving along with neighboring states such as
8 Delaware, Maryland, West Virginia, and Ohio.

9 Chairperson Butler announced the Pennsylvania
10 Speech-Language Hearing Association (PSHA) conference
11 was coming up, and she would be presenting along with
12 Ms. Jacopetti. She noted Board Counsel would be
13 presenting as well.

14 Ms. Eisenhart noted the upcoming audiologist
15 conference on October 2nd, 2026 in Bethlehem.]

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17 Report of Acting Commissioner

18 [Acting Commissioner Claggett explained the steps to
19 be sure the Bureau would be operational once
20 everything on the Compact was fully functioning.

21 He also commented this would be the last meeting
22 for Shakeena Chappelle, as she was going to be
23 working for the Commissioner on matters of expertise.
24 He stated Lorese Alli would be the new Board
25 Administrator.

Report from Board Members -

[Mr. Sataloff questioned Board Members about the status of Compact in New Jersey or New York.

Chairperson Butler offered to review all of them. She noted there were 37 states that have joined the Compact and 13 more in legislation. There is a website as ASLPcompact.com that will give detailed information.

Dr. Murphy commented, for the PAA convention at the end of September, 2026, Ms. Eisenhart should take the lead for the audiologist, and he could support her in working up a program for that.

Commissioner Claggett questioned as to whether Board Members would be going to the Audiologist Annual Conference in Bethlehem in October. Chairperson Butler replied that this event would go onto the next board meeting agenda for vote.]

Report of Board Administrator - No Report

Review of Applications - No Report

Appointments - Annual Prosecution Presentation

[Shana Walter, Esquire, Deputy Chief Counsel,

1 presented on the Prosecution process. Ms. Walter
2 stated the prosecution provides administrative and
3 legal support to the 29 professional and occupational
4 licensing boards and commissions to protect the
5 health and safety of the public as well as the
6 integrity of the professions. The prosecution
7 process, in a very shortened version, begins with a
8 complaint.

9 She explained, when a complaint is received by
10 the prosecutorial division, it must first be sent out
11 to Bureau of Enforcement and Investigation (BEI),
12 where they will conduct an initial investigation by
13 interviewing witnesses and obtaining records. Upon
14 completion of their report, it is sent back to the
15 Board Prosecutors, whereby a decision will be made as
16 to whether commencement of an investigation by the
17 prosecution, based on the BEI report, would begin.
18 Circumstances that factor into this decision include
19 the strength of the evidence supporting the
20 allegation and additional investigation. The best
21 outcome for the prosecution would be to either
22 resolve the case via a consent agreement or bringing
23 the case before the court within a year.

24 With regard to disciplinary action resulting from
25 a proven allegation, Ms. Walter noted the penalty

1 dispensed is determined by the seriousness of the
2 charge. Some cases are closed with a reprimand by
3 the Board or a fine imposed upon the licensee. The
4 prosecution uses the following criteria to determine
5 the degree of discipline for cases, including but not
6 limited to: The strength of the evidence, the
7 seriousness of the allegation, and the history of the
8 practitioner being charged. Cases can be closed
9 under the category of prosecution, not warranted or a
10 category whereby a warning letter is sent out to the
11 practitioner. Neither of these outcomes is
12 considered to be official discipline.

13 Charging decisions are made by the prosecutorial
14 division. The BEI will conduct interviews,
15 inspections, pursue investigations, and obtain
16 evidence. There are several options for charging
17 documents. Penalties such as immediate temporary
18 suspension, an order to show cause and automatic
19 suspension order for physical or mental examination,
20 are just to name a few. Ms. Walter advised that
21 everything the prosecution does, except that which is
22 filed publicly, is subject to confidentiality statute.

23 She commented, for their board, 15 cases were
24 opened and 22 cases were closed. When this report
25 was generated there were approximately 12,160 active

1 licenses and 13 open cases.

2 Dr. Murphy asked if ever they were investigating
3 or questioning a professional did they advise that an
4 attorney should be present for them. Ms. Walter
5 replied, if a licensee elects to have an attorney,
6 they were certainly free to do so. However, she
7 asserted, this is an administrative proceeding, so
8 there is no right to an attorney like there would be
9 in a criminal process.]

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11 Miscellaneous -

12 [Chairperson Butler thanked Acting Commissioner
13 Claggett for the reminder of the Audiologist Annual
14 Conference and asked that it be added to the June 12,
15 2026 meeting agenda, as well as the National State
16 Board Meeting, October 1, 2026, in Denver Colorado.
17 Chairperson Butler announced the next board meetings
18 were being held on June 12, 2026, September 18, 2026
19 and December 11, 2026.]

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21 Public Comment Period - No Report

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23 [There being no further business, the State Board of
24 Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
25 Meeting adjourned at 11:06 a.m.]

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.



Allison Walker,

Minute Clerk

Sargent's Court Reporting
Service, Inc.

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TIME

AGENDA

10:00	Executive Session
10:30	Return to Open Session
10:37	Official Call to Order
10:38	Roll Call of Board Members
10:39	Approval of Minutes
10:44	Report of Chairperson
10:48	Report of Commissioner
10:51	Report of Board Members
10:56	Appointments - Prosecutorial Process
11:04	Miscellaneous
11:06	Adjournment