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**MICHIGAN BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY  
DECEMBER 18, 2015 MEETING**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Audiology met on December 18, 2015, at the Ottawa Building, Conference Room 4, 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Thomas O'Connor, MA, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Thomas O'Connor, M.A Chairperson  
Paul Kileny, Ph.D, Vice Chairperson  
Sharon Blackburn, Au.D  
Nicole Ferguson, Au.D  
Paul Hoff, M.D.  
Melissa Lewis, Public Member  
Melissa Somers, M.D.  
Teresa Zwolan, Ph.D

**Members Absent:** Diantha Hicks, Public Member

**Staff Present:** LeAnn Payne, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section  
Amy Schneider, Secretary, Boards and Committees Section  
Michael Siracuse, Analyst, Boards and Committees Section  
Cheryl Pezon, Manager, Boards and Committees Section

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Ferguson, seconded by Kileny, to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Hoff, seconded by Somers, to approve the June 26, 2015 meeting minutes as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Elections**

Siracuse ran the election for Chairperson.

Motion by Ferguson, seconded by Kileny, to re-elect Thomas O'Connor, MA. as Chairperson.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

O'Connor ran the election for Vice Chairperson.

Motion by Hicks, seconded by Lewis, to re-elect Paul Kileny, Ph.D, as Vice Chairperson.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Committee Assignments**

Siracuse advised the Board that a public member is needed on the Disciplinary Subcommittee. No changes were made to the committee, Kileny remains an alternate.

### **Health Professional Recovery Committee(HPRC) Nomination**

Siracuse informed the Board that a representative is needed to represent the profession of Audiology for the Health Professional Recovery Committee (HPRC) for a 2-year appointment. The candidate cannot be a board member. Any interested parties should notify Michael Siracuse, Policy Analyst for the Department, at [SiracuseM@michigan.gov](mailto:SiracuseM@michigan.gov). Siracuse informed the Board he will email them a current list of committee assignments.

### **Hearing Aid Dispensers/PCAST**

Kileny inquired about licensing/scope of practice for hearing aid dispensing. The concern is the possibility of hearing aids being dispensed without the individual being examined by an Audiologist.

Discussion was held.

Siracuse states the Department does not have jurisdiction against unlicensed entities. Siracuse suggested they may want to assign a research committee to review further. He would like to table the issue until the next meeting and discuss with Elaine Barr. The topic will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

O'Connor informed the Board that the following Senate and House bills were introduced that affect the profession: 449, 554, 5183.

### **Department Update**

Siracuse informed the Board that Elaine Barr will be in attendance at the next meeting.

Siracuse reminded the Board that there are several training courses available online at no cost in recognizing the signs of human trafficking. This training is not required until the full yearly renewal cycle of their license ends.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held March 25, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa Street, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Ferguson, seconded by Hicks, to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 a.m.

MOTION PREVAILED

Minutes approved on December 16, 2016

Prepared by:  
LeAnn Payne, Board Support

December 18, 2015