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# MICHIGAN BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY MAY 8, 2012 MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Speech-Language Pathology met in regular session on May 8, 2012, at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center, Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

## ***CALL TO ORDER***

Tim Weise, CCC-SLP, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

## ***ROLL CALL***

***Members Present:*** Tim Weise, CCC-SLP, Chairperson  
Brit Austin, CCC-SLP  
Thomas Koepke, PhD  
Lizbeth Stevens, CCC-SLP  
Vasu Divi, MD  
Erica Dwyer, CCC-SLP  
Bradford Swartz, PhD., CCC-SLP  
Nicola Hawatmeh, Public Member (arrived at 9:50 a.m.)

***Members Absent:*** Mary Lynch, Public Member  
Jeanette Meyer, MD

**Staff Present:** Amy Schneider, Board Secretary, Health Regulatory Division  
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Bureau of Health Professions  
Desmond Mitchell, Policy Analyst, Health Regulatory Division  
Kelly Hugh, Policy Analyst, Health Regulatory Division

**Public Present:** Nancy Shore, Governor Snyder  
Ashley Brown, Governor Snyder  
Georgianna Batalucco, HCR Manor Care

## ***INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS***

Weise welcomed the Board members and asked staff and Board members to introduce themselves.

## ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

*MOTION* by Stevens, seconded by Koepke, to approve the minutes of September 22, 2011 as presented.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***APPROVAL OF AGENDA***

*MOTION* by Stevens, seconded by Austin, to approve the Agenda.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

## ***NEW BUSINESS***

### ***Elections of Officers***

Ramsdell opened the floor for nominations for Chairperson. Austin and Hawatmeh nominated Weise for chairperson. Hearing no additional nominations, a voice vote was held.

Weise was unanimously re-elected chairperson.

Ramsdell opened the floor for nominations for vice chairperson. Weise and Swartz nominated Stevens for vice chairperson. Hearing no additional nominations, a voice vote was held.

Stevens was unanimously elected vice chairperson.

## **Resolutions**

*MOTION* by Austin, seconded by Koepke, to honor the following departing Board Members with Resolutions: Frances Eldis, Ellen Fairbrother, Donna Riccio-Omichinski, and Katie Strong.

*MOTION PREVAILED*

See Addendum #1 attached.

## **Licensing Statistics**

Weise directed the Board to the handout pertaining to Licensing Statistics with the total amount of 151 licensees as of May 5, 2012.

Weise updated Board members about the history of the Administrative Rules.

## **Vasu Divi, MD Letter of Resignation**

Weise announced the resignation of Divi. The Board recognized Divi for his outstanding service to the Board.

## **Office of Regulatory Reinvention-Occupational Administrative Rules Committee Report to Governor**

Ramsdell discussed the (ORR) Occupational Licensing Advisory Rules Committee report regarding the recommendation to deregulate licensees for 18 Occupations and 9 Boards. The (ORR) Report recommended Speech Pathologists should be deregulated. These are only recommendations at this time, pending introduction of legislation that would need to be passed through the Legislature and signed by the Governor in order for such legislation to become enacted.

## **Department Update**

Ramsdell discussed the statutory requirement for Continuous Professional Development (CPD). Development of CPD rules is pending, until final decisions can be made regarding licensure.

Weise instructed Board members to use the BHP Board Support e-mail for their questions. The public and licensees should use [bhpinfo@michigan.gov](mailto:bhpinfo@michigan.gov) for their questions.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Georgiana Batalucco inquired if an employer can verify a student license online. Mitchell stated the student will get an email verifying their license.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

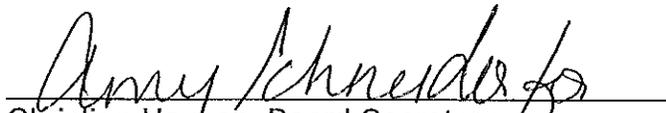
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on August 14, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center (UL), Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

*MOTION* by Hawatmeh, seconded by Koepke, to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 p.m.

  
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Timothy Weise, CCC-SLP, Chairperson

8-14-2012  
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Date Minutes Approved

  
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Christine Hanson, Board Secretary

5.8.12  
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Date Minutes Prepared