

**SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY BOARD
Indiana Government Center South
402 West Washington Street, W064
Indianapolis, IN 46204**

MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2020

Carol Hession, Ph.D., CCC-A, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-35.6-2(f), pursuant to public notice posted at the principal office of the board at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

Members Present: Carol Hession, Ph.D., CCC-A, Chair
Patricia Wong, MA, CCC-SLP, Vice Chair (by phone)
Ann Bilodeau, MS, CCC-SLP

Staff Present: Darren Covington, J.D., Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Donald 'Ned' Hannah, J.D., Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General
Claire Dyer, J.D., Deputy Attorney General
Office of the Attorney General

The Board voted to adopt the agenda:

Bilodeau/Hession, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Carol Hession, Patricia Wong, Ann Bilodeau
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

The Board moved to approve the November 1, 2019 minutes.

Bilodeau/Hession, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Carol Hession, Patricia Wong, Ann Bilodeau

The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were voted into office for a one (1) year term beginning January 7, 2020

- Carol Hession, CCC-A, Chair
- Pat Wong, CCC-SLP, Vice Chair

Bilodeau/Hession,
3/0/0 Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Ann Bilodeau, Pat Wong, Carol Hession
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Emily Otten, SLP 22007263A – Renewal application

Ms. Otten failed to appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding her renewal application.

Ms. Otten disclosed on her renewal application that she had pending disciplinary proceedings in Michigan.

After discussion, a motion was made to deny her renewal application by Pat Wong. There was no second.

After further discussion, the Board moved to RENEW the renewal and FILE A COMPLAINT with the Attorney General's office for further investigation.

Bilodeau/Hession, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Carol Hession, Patricia Wong, Ann Bilodeau
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

Nancy Blocher SLP, 22003785A – renewal application

Claire Dyer, Deputy Attorney General, did not participate in this matter.

Ms. Blocher appeared in person and with counsel, Matthew Kubacki regarding her renewal application.

Ms. Blocher disclosed on her renewal application that she had pending criminal charges related to domestic battery. Ms. Blocher denies all allegations and her attorney is working with the prosecutor to dismiss the charges.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW the renewal.

Bilodeau/Hession, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Carol Hession, Patricia Wong, Ann Bilodeau
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

Jessica Finn SLP 22004428A – renewal application

Claire Dyer, Deputy Attorney General, did not participate in this matter.

Ms. Finn appeared in person regarding her renewal application.

Ms. Finn disclosed that she was convicted of a DUI in 2019 and is currently on criminal probation.

After discussion, the Board moved to RENEW the renewal on PROBATION with terms and conditions.

Bilodeau/Hession, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Carol Hession, Patricia Wong, Ann Bilodeau
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

DISCUSSION

The following members participated: Carol Hession, Patricia Wong, Ann Bilodeau

Telehealth Services:

The Board decided to table this discussion to the next meeting. Carol Hession volunteered to do some additional research on this topic.

Draft report to General Assembly – SEA 189 (2019)

The Board reviewed the draft report for submission to the General Assembly pursuant to SEA 189 (2019). The only addition was to include a note that the Board is working on a telehealth rule. Ann Bilodeau said she wanted to review the proposed draft rule and ASHA's standards one more time prior to submission of the report.

Overall rule revision

The Board reviewed its draft rule revision and discussed whether a limit should be placed on the number of supervisors one support personnel could have. No consensus was reached and the Board will revisit the supervision requirements at its next meeting, possibly clarifying what supervision is required if a support personnel has more than one supervisor.

Caseload/Workload Cap:

The Board tabled this discussion until its next meeting.

Continuing Education Audit

The Board voted to conduct an audit of licensees who renewed in 2019 with the following parameters:

- 1% of licensees would be audited
- The Board staff has the authority to issue Notices of Non-Compliance and Notices of Immediate Suspension as needed
- The penalty fees are as follows:
 - o \$15 per hour non-compliant, up to 15 hours
 - o \$1,000 if 15 or more hours non-compliant

Bilodeau/Hession, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Carol Hession, Patricia Wong, Ann Bilodeau
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

Application review – Colleen Taylor

The Board voted to deny Colleen Taylor’s SLP application because she has not passed the Praxis examination.

Wong/Bilodeau, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Carol Hession, Patricia Wong, Ann Bilodeau
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

Renewal application review – Rhonda Eskridge SLP, 22004485A

The Board voted to RENEW Eskridge’s renewal and FILE A COMPLAINT for further investigation due to her pending litigation.

Bilodeau/Hession, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Carol Hession, Patricia Wong, Ann Bilodeau
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Carol Hession, Ph.D., CCC-A, Chair

Pat Wong, CCC-SLP, Vice Chair