# SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY BOARD Indiana Government Center South 402 West Washington Street, Room D Indianapolis, IN 46204

# **MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2019**

Carol Hession, Ph.D., CCC-A, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.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

Ann Bilodeau, MS, CCC-SLP

Staff Present: Darren Covington, J.D., Board Director

Professional Licensing Agency Jody Edens, Assistant 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

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The Board voted to adopt the agenda:

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

The Board moved to approve the July 22, 2019 minutes.

Bilodeau/Wong, 3/0/0 Motion carries

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

# PERSONAL APPEARANCES

# Janet Bradley, 22003761A Reinstatement Renewal:

Ms. Bradley appear in person and was not represented by counsel regarding her request to reinstate her license.

Ms. Bradley has been practicing as a Speech Language Pathologist in the school system since 2003 without a license through the Board. It was her understanding that she didn't need the license to practice in the schools, that she only needed the school license.

She does have her C's through ASHA and has completed sixty-eight (68) hours of continuing education.

After discussion, the Board moved to APPROVE Ms. Bradley's reinstatement renewal application pending passing the law exam.

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 requested to start rules for telehealth services. Alicia Dillingham, MA, CCC-SLP was in attendance to discuss her experiences with telehealth practice. Ali discussed with the Board how she has been doing telehealth services; she is able to do games and crafts together with her students. Virtual meetings are possible and a parent is in the room with the child. If it's at a school, the child is in a separate room with an adult.

She informed the Board that California is currently doing heavy recruiting for Speech Pathologists to work with telehealth services.

The Board thanked Ali for her input.

#### Caseload Cap:

The Board wants to look at the caseload cap language in the rules and would like to consider placing a cap. Pat indicated that twenty-six (26) states have case load caps at this time. Bilodeau mentioned that ASHA uses a workload model.

# Review of application process and requirements:

Pursuant to SEA 189 (2019), the Board took comments received regarding application process and requirements under advisement. A draft report will be made for the next meeting.

# **Emergency rule regarding convictions of concern:**

After discussion, the Board moved to ADOPT the emergency rule regarding convictions of concern.

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

# Personal Appearances for SLP's working without a license:

The Board requested that staff put information on the website that anyone working as an SLP in the school system must have an Indiana license through the state. Staff discussed with the Board if they want a personal appearance for all of the SLP's applying for a new license or reinstatement that have been working in the schools as an SLP with only a school license. The Board determined that the information will be sent to one Board member to review, and that member will then determine if the person needs to make a personal appearance and will review the CE for approval.

There being no further business the Board adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Carol Hession, Ph.D., CCC-A, Chair
Pat Wong, CCC-SLP, Vice Chair