

# FLORIDA | Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

**Teleconference Minutes**

**July 24, 2020  
9:00 a.m.**

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Peter Johnson, PhD  
**Chair**

Frederick Rahe, Au.D.  
**Vice-Chair**

Kama Monroe  
**Executive Director**

The Meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Peter Johnson at 9:03 a.m.

Present for all or part of the meeting, include:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Peter Johnson, Au.D., Chair  
Frederick Rahe, Au.D., Vice-Chair  
Sergio Guerreiro, Au.D.  
Sherry Jordan, Ed.S.

**BOARD STAFF PRESENT:**

Kama Monroe, Executive Director  
Christa Peace, Regulatory Specialist III

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Kristen Rutland, SLP  
Paul Boyev, M.D.

**BOARD COUNSEL:**

Tom Jones, Board counsel

**COURT REPORTER:**

For the Record Reporting  
(850) 222-5491

**PROSECUTION SERVICES UNIT**

Rose Garrison, Esq.

**TRANSLATOR:**

Link Translations  
Ms. Saori Yamashita

*Please note that the meeting minutes reflect the actual order that agenda items were discussed during the meeting and may differ from the agenda outline.*

**Due to technical issues the Board Chair requested the vice-chair run the meeting.**

**DISCIPLINARY**

**SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

**TAB 1:** INGRID RENEE DESORMES, S.L.P., CASE NUMBER 2019-18844

*PCP: Rutland and Gaunt-Jaehne*

PSU attorney Dani Hart informed the board that should the agreement not be acceptable as is, the matter would need to be withdrawn.

Motion: by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Guerriero, to table the matter.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**TAB 2:** April 24, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Guerriero, to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

**TAB 3: PROSECUTION SERVICES REPORT, Rose Garrison, ESQ.**

Prosecuting Services attorney Christina Scheidler introduced herself to the board, as well as, attorney Ryan Sandy who will be assigned to the Board of Speech-Language, Pathology & Audiology moving forward. Mr. Sandy provided a summary of the Prosecution Services Report. He then requested the board allow the Department to continue to prosecute all year or older cases.

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to allow PSU to continue prosecuting cases a year and older. Motion carried.

**APPLICANTS**

**SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT APPLICATION REVIEW**

**TAB 4:** Barbara Alvarez-Hernandez, File #5216

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.  
The board provided a Spanish translator for applicant.

**Action Taken:** After discussion, Dr. Johnson, moved to approve the application, Dr. Guerriero seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TAB 5:** Saray Puch, File #5549

Applicant was not present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

**Action Taken:** After discussion, Dr. Guerriero, moved to approve the application, Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TAB 6:** Clara Rosa Mora Blazquez, File #5436

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.  
The board provided a Spanish translator for applicant.

**Action Taken:** After discussion, Dr. Johnson moved to table the application and allow the applicant time to submit additional documents for further review. The Chair has the authority to determine whether the documents meet the requirements for licensure. Applicant will be required to appear at the next board meeting, if the documents are not received or do not meet requirements prior to the next scheduled board meeting. Dr. Rahe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Applicant verbally waived ninety-day requirement.

**TAB 7:** Claribel Irene Pons Figueredo, File #5133

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.  
The board provided a Spanish translator for applicant.

**Action Taken:** After discussion, Dr. Johnson, moved to table the application until the next board meeting, Dr. Guerriero seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Applicant verbally waived the ninety-day requirement.

**PROVISIONAL SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY APPLICATION REVIEW**

**TAB 8:** Oslayda Ramos, File #9213

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

**Action Taken:** After discussion, Dr. Rahe moved to approve the license with the condition that within six months, the applicant submit a new credential evaluation reflecting the education hours are verified, Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TAB 9:** Beatriz Bermejo Guerra, File #9954

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.  
The board provided a Spanish translator for applicant.

**Action Taken:** After discussion, Dr. Guerriero, moved to approve the application, Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TAB 10:** Solangel Hernandez, File #9916

Applicant was present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.  
The board provided a Spanish translator for applicant.

**Action Taken:** After discussion, Dr. Guerriero, moved to approve the application, Dr. Rahe seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Due to technical issues the application items were called multiple times.**

**EXEMPTION**

**TAB 11:** Stephen Oteri, File #9963

Applicant was not present. Applicant was not represented by counsel.

After discussion, Dr. Guerriero, moved to approve the application, Dr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**TAB 12: RATIFICATION OF LICENSURE**

- a. 3001 - Speech-Language Pathologist 4.1.2020 through 6.30.2020  
Motion: by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Guerriero, to ratify the license numbers 17831-18060 issued between 4.1.2020 and 6.30.2020 totaling 229 licenses. Motion carried.
- b. 3002 - Audiologist 4.1.2020 through 6.30.2020  
Motion: by Dr. Rahe, seconded by Dr. Guerriero, to ratify license numbers 17679-17830 issued between 4.1.2020 and 6.30.2020 totaling 37 licenses. Motion carried.
- c. 3003 - Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 4.1.2020 through 6.30.2020  
Motion: by Dr. Rahe, seconded by Dr. Guerriero, to ratify license numbers 4338-4414 issued between 4.1.2020 and 6.30.2020 totaling 77 licenses. Motion carried.

- d. 3004 - Audiology Assistant 4.1.2020 through 6.30.2020  
Motion: by Dr. Rahe, seconded by Dr. Guerriero, to ratify license numbers 382-388 issued between 4.1.2020 and 6.30.2020 totaling 7 licenses. Motion carried.
- e. 3005 - Provisional Speech-Language Pathologist 4.1.2020 through 6.30.2020  
Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to ratify license numbers 9509-9588 issued between 4.1.2020 and 6.30.2020 totaling 79 licenses. Motion carried.
- f. 3006 - Provisional Audiologist 4.1.2020 through 6.30.2020  
Motion: by Dr. Rahe, seconded by Dr. Guerriero, to ratify license numbers 798-801 issued between 4.1.2020 and 6.30.2020 totaling 4 licenses. Motion carried.

**TAB 13: BOARD CHAIRMAN REPORT-Dr. Johnson**

Board Chair, Peter Johnson, reviewed the budget as part of his chair report. Dr. Johnson further noted he would like to discuss the English proficiency at the next meeting

**BOARD COUNSEL REPORT, Ronald Jones, Esq.**

**TAB 14: RULES REPORT**

Board Counsel, Tom Jones reviewed the rules reports for the board.

**RULE DISCUSSION**

**TAB 15: ANNUAL REGULATORY PLAN 2020-21**

Board counsel summarized the statutory requirement regarding the annual regulatory plan.

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Dr. Johnson to approve the annual regulatory plan. Motion carried.

**TAB 16: BOARD REVIEW/APPROVAL OF THE COMPREHENSIVE RULES REVIEW**

Board counsel summarized the review requirement.

Motion: by Dr. Rahe, seconded by Dr. Johnson, to delegate Dr. Rahe the authority to review and approve the comprehensive rules review.

**TAB 17: 64B20-2.007 REQUIREMENT FOR INSTRUCTION ON HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS AND ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME**

Motion: by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Rahe to repeal Rule 64B20-2.007 and enter into rulemaking.

Motion: by Dr. Rahe, seconded by Dr. Johnson that repeal of the rule will not make an adverse impact on small business. Motion carried.

Motion: by Dr. Rahe, seconded by Dr. Johnson, that the proposed changes would not directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs to any entity including government in excess of \$200,000.00 in aggregate in Florida within one year after the implementation of the rule. The proposed rule amendments will not have an adverse impact and would not directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs to any entity including government in excess of \$1,000,000.00 within five years after the implementation of the rule. Motion carried.

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

### **TAB 27: FLAA Request for Protocol Addition to Rule 64B20-4.004 6.7.20**

Suzanne Younker, representing the Florida Academy of Audiology, requested a new rule be promulgated regarding supervision of audiologists. Board counsel recommended an ad hoc committee be formed to meet and discuss.

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Dr. Johnson to form an ad hoc committee composed of Dr. Rahe and Dr. Guerriero and schedule an ad hoc committee meeting prior to next board meeting.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT-Kama Monroe, J.D., Executive Director**

### **TAB 18: APPLICATIONS**

Motion: by Dr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Guerriero to approve the modification to Rule 64B20-2.001. Motion carried.

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Dr. Rahe that modification of the rule will not make an adverse impact on small business. Motion carried.

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Dr. Rahe, that the proposed changes would not directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs to any entity including government in excess of \$200,000.00 in aggregate in Florida within one year after the implementation of the rule. No SERC is needed and no legislative ratification is needed. Motion carried.

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Dr. Rahe to find that a violation of the rule or any part of this rule would not be considered a minor violation. Motion carried.

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Dr. Rahe to approve the modification to Rule 64B20-2.003. Motion carried.

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Dr. Rahe that modification of the rule will not make an adverse impact on small business. Motion carried.

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Dr. Rahe, that the proposed changes would not directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs to any entity including government in excess of \$200,000.00 in aggregate in Florida within one year after the implementation of the rule. No SERC is needed and no legislative ratification is needed. Motion carried.

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Dr. Rahe to find that a violation of the rule or any part of this rule would not be considered a minor violation. Motion carried.

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Dr. Rahe to approve the modification to Rule 64B20-4.001. Motion carried.

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Dr. Rahe that modification of the rule will not make an adverse impact on small business. Motion carried.

Motion: by Dr. Guerriero, seconded by Dr. Rahe, that proposed changes would not directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs to any entity including government in excess of \$200,000.00 in aggregate in Florida within one year after the implementation of the rule. No SERC is needed and no legislative ratification is needed. Motion carried.

**TAB 19: FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CE RENEWAL COURSES**

Motion: by Dr. Guerreiro, seconded by Dr. Rahe, to not allow credit for the Florida Department of Health CE Renewal Course.

**BOARD LIAISON REPORTS**

**TAB 20:** Budget Liaison Report- Dr. Johnson (SLP)

a. Revenue Report

This was discussed during the board chair report.

**TAB 21:** Application - Dr. Rahe (Au.D) & Dr. Johnson (SLP)

This was discussed earlier in agenda.

**TAB 22:** Continuing Education - Dr. Guerreiro (Ad)

No report at this time.

**TAB 23:** Laws and Rules - Vacant: (Dr. Rahe (Au.D) for specific circumstances

This was discussed earlier in agenda.

**TAB 24:** Unlicensed Activity - Dr. Rahe (Au.D) & Dr. Johnson (SLP)

No report at this time.

**TAB 25:** Healthy Weight - Ms. Rutland

No report at this time.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

**TAB 26:** National Council of State Boards of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Executive Director, Kama Monroe provided a summary regarding this matter. This matter was related to the Interstate Compact movement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**TAB 28:** Licensure Application Process

Discussion regarding the licensing process and items that delay processing. Extensive discussion ensued. Ms. Avelar provided information to the board regarding her company's processes. After discussion of the role of the credential process. Ms. Avelar agreed to meet with Executive Director, Kama Monroe to further discuss.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**TAB 29:** English Competency Discussion

Continued to the October meeting

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**TAB 30:** Foreign Education Professionals-Ana Avelar

Discussion of this matter was included with tab 28.

There was no additional public comment.

**ADJOURN** Motion by Peter Johnson, seconded by Sergio Guerreiro adjourn.

Next meeting October 23, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.