

The regular session meeting of the Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists was held on August 18, 2016 in Room 110 of the DHMH Metro Executive Building, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Ronald Kaplan called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m. Present for the quorum were Mr. George Sheckells, Dr. Heather Weinreich, Ms. Jillian DeLuca, Mr. John Sloan, Mr. John Rouse, Dr. Candace Robinson, Ms. Ellen Stein, and Mr. John Cummins

**Staff Present**

Anthony DeFranco, AAG, Board Counsel  
Christopher Kelter, Executive Director  
Yolanda Campbell, Office Secretary III  
Kristin Neville, DHMH  
Danielle Vallone, Board Investigator

**Visitor**

Vanessa Peregrim, SLP

**Absent Members**

Ms. Joan Dawson  
Dr. Scott London  
Ms. Billie Jo O'Donovan  
Dr. Stacey Samuels Cole

**Agenda Approval**

The agenda was amended to include F. Proposal to Close Applications One Year after Receipt of Application and Fee. Mr. Sheckells made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Ms. Stein seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

**Minutes Review and Approval for June 16, 2016**

Meeting minutes will be distributed at the Board's August 18, 2016 meeting.

**Executive Director's Report**

**Board Membership – Update**

Mr. Kelter reported that four changes were made to the Board. Mr. Kelter reported that Dr. Heather Weinreich, M.D., was appointed by the Governor to complete the term created by Dr. Da Costa's departure. Mr. Kelter reported that Dr. Candace Robinson, audiologist, was appointed by the Governor to a four-year term for the vacancy created by the completion of Dr. Charlotte Godfrey's second four-year term. Mr. Kelter reported that Mr. John Cummins, hearing aid dispenser, was

appointed by the Governor to a four-year term for the vacancy created by the completion of Mr. Kirk Payne's completed second four-year term. Mr. Kelter reported that the Governor elected to not to reappoint Ms. Lisa Melody, speech-language pathologist and appointed Ms. Jillian DeLuca to a four-year term. Mr. Kelter welcomed the new members to the Board.

#### **FY 2017 Budget**

Mr. Kelter reported that he was continuing to take a long, detailed look at the Board's revenues, expenditures and anticipated fund balance for the conclusion of Fiscal Year 2017 ending June 30, 2017. Mr. Kelter advised the Board that the renewal fee to be set during March 2017 for the next two years beginning with the audiology and speech-language pathology renewal for licenses expiring on May 31, 2017 would accurately reflect the true costs of operating the Board on a per licensee basis.

#### **Treasurer's Report – John Sloan**

Mr. Sloan reported for the month of July the Board has available funds in the amount of \$348,017.00.

#### **Statistical Report Ending July 31, 2016**

The Board reviewed the Statistical Report included in the Board packet.

#### **Revised Proposal to Codify Reactivation Process**

Mr. Kelter presented the revised proposal to codify the reactivation process. Mr. Shekells made a motion to accept the revised proposal. Ms. Stein seconded the motion. Vote unanimous.

#### **Proposal to Close Applications One Year after Receipt of Application and Fee**

Mr. Kelter presented a proposal to close applications one year after the receipt of the application and application fee. Mr. Kelter advised the Board that after consideration the proposal should be revised. Board Counsel indicated that the Environmental Health Specialist and Residential Child Care boards have clear, succinct regulations governing the closure of incomplete applications. The Board will discuss the revised proposal at the September 2016 Board meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the regular session meeting pursuant to Maryland State Government Article, 10-508(a) Annotated Code of Maryland. The regular session meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald Kaplan, Au.D.  
Chair