

The regular session meeting of the Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists was held on November 21, 2019, in Room 110 of the MDH Metro Executive Building, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland. Regular Session Board meeting came to order at 4:37 p.m. Present for the quorum were Mr. John Cummins, Mr. Kim Keller, Dr. Jennifer Mertes, Dr. Carrie Nieman, Mr. John Rouse (Via Phone), Mr. George Sheckells, Ms. Carolyn Stine and Ms. Ellen Stein.

Staff Present

Candace G. Robinson, Executive Director
Carla Boyd, AAG, Board Counsel
Deborah Donohue, Deputy Counsel
Zoann Mouzone, Administrative Specialist III
Monica Wright, Office Secretary III
David Bruce, Investigator

Absent Members

Dr. Stacey Samuels Cole
Ms. Jillian DeLuca
Dr. Tinita Kearney
Dr. Tam Nhu Nguyen

Visitors

None

Agenda Review and Approval for November 2019

Mr. George Sheckells made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Kim Keller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Minutes Review and Approval for October, 2019

Ms. Carolyn Stine made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Ellen Stein seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Regulatory Review

None

Executive Director's Report – Candace G. Robinson

- Announcement- Attorney Carla Boyd is leaving us as Board Counsel. Deborah Donohue will be interim until the Board can find a replacement.
- Board Member Address List Update- Kim Bennardi from the office of appointments has a list of everybody's names and it needs to be updated to ensure all information is correct.
- Report from MAA Meeting Regarding Audiology Vacancy- Dr. Robinson and Kim Bennardi presented at the MAA business lunch regarding requirements and responsibilities of Board membership. There is a vacancy for Audiology. Several licensees indicated interest in applying.
- Maryland EHDI Advisory Council Vacancy- There is a vacancy to serve, particularly, for a parent of a child with permanent hearing and/or communication challenges.
- State Reporting Demonstration moved to February 20, 2020 Board Meeting at 4:30 pm.

Treasurer's Report

Executive Director, Dr. Candace G. Robinson reported that the Board currently has \$325,355.27 as of the end of October.

Chair Report

- Administration Officer II position update- The position was initiated by interim Board Executive Director, Donna Seidel and approved in October as contractual. Additionally, on October 16th, 2019, Dr. Jennifer Mertes, Attorney Carla Boyd along with Dr. Kim Lang met with Chief of Staff, Mr. Andrews regarding the need to improve customer service by adding an additional staff member. Mr. Andrews agreed, and further indicated that a PIN would be marked for our Board the next time a PIN becomes available. Dr. Candace Robinson indicated the Board is very much in need of the additional staff person to properly separate duties with the focus of the role to be licensing. Initial interviews will be conducted in December by Executive Director, Dr. Candace Robinson.
- 2020 AHS Goals- Regulations meetings will begin with Lillian Reese to learn the process for the regulations.
- Board & Commissions Chairs' meeting with Secretary Neall 1/6/19- Dr. Jennifer Mertes and Dr. Candace Robinson will be attending the meeting.

Correspondence & F.Y.I

Dr. Candace G. Robinson distributed covers for the Board's Chromebooks.

Next Board Meeting – January 16, 2020

Adjournment

Mr. Sheckells made a motion to adjourn the regular session of the Board meeting. Ms. Ellen Stein seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The regular session meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Mertes, Au.D.
Chair