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**MICHIGAN BOARD OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY**

**MAY 3, 2016 MEETING**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of met on May 3, 2016, at the Ottawa Building, Conference Room 4, 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Bradford Swartz, PhD, CCC-SLP, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Bradford Swartz, PhD, CCC-SLP, Chairperson  
Brit Austin, MA, CCC-SLP  
Sarah Clement, SLP  
Jodi Cohen, CCC-SLP  
Patrishia Mervenne, MS, CCC-SLP  
Christopher Mills, Public Member  
Melissa Pynnonen, MD, MS  
Jeffrey Weingarten, MD

**Members Absent:** Janelle Best, Public Member  
Lynee Wells, Public Member

**Staff Present:** LeAnn Payne, Board Support, Board and Committees Section  
Michael Siracuse, Policy Analyst, Board and Committees Section

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION by Weingarten, seconded by Mervenne, to approve the agenda as presented.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION by Pynnonen, seconded by Cohen, to approve the November 3, 2015, meeting minutes as presented.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

## **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Elections**

Siracuse ran the election for Chairperson.

MOTION by Weingarten, seconded by Mervenne to re-elect Swartz as Chairperson.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

Swartz ran the election for Vice-Chairperson.

MOTION by Austin, seconded by Mervenne to nominate Austin.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

### **Committee Assignments**

The following assignments were made to the Subcommittees:

Disciplinary Subcommittee: Mills (Chair), Best, Austin, Pynnonen, Cohen.

Allegations Committee: Weingarten, Swartz, Clement.

Rules Committee: Weingarten, Austin, Cohen, Clement.

### **Discussion on Professional Development Activities**

Clement presented to the Board a worksheet designed to track continuing professional development credits. The Board gave suggested modifications to the worksheet. Clement will make suggested modifications to the worksheet and email it to the Rules Committee for approval. She will then present final copy to the Board for approval at the next full board meeting. Siracuse will discuss with the Department for approval to post the worksheet on the website.

### **Discussion/Clarification on the Rules**

The Board discussed the need for clarification with the rules. Austin was able to interpret the rules from her experience on the Rules Committee. The Board was satisfied with the explanation.

Siracuse addressed questions from the Board about when continuing professional development will need to be met for renewing licensees. Siracuse explained the first time continuing professional development will be required is 2019. However, they can take the one-time requirement for training in identifying victims of human trafficking at any time. Siracuse also informed the board there are many opportunities to find training; an Internet search on "Human Trafficking" can provide many free resources.

### **Department Update**

Siracuse informed the Board there are a few changes happening with the Department but should not affect the Board in any way.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Swartz announced he is retiring from Central Michigan University. He will be maintaining his license.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held August 2, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Ottawa Building, 611 West Ottawa Street, Upper Level Conference Center (UL), Conference Room 4, Lansing, Michigan.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Mills, seconded by Weingarten, to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

MOTION PREVAILED

Board Approved on: May 2, 2017\_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by:  
LeAnn Payne, Board Support

May 3, 2016