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## MICHIGAN BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 MEETING

### APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976 PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Audiology met on September 20, 2019 at the Ottawa Building, Conference Room 4, 611 West Ottawa Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Teresa Zwolan, PhD, Acting Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:** Teresa Zwolan, PhD Acting Chairperson  
Sharon Blackburn, AuD  
Lauren Dadisho, AuD  
Stelios Dokianakis, AuD  
Melissa Somers, MD

**Members Absent:** Richard Baldwin, Public Member  
Robert Borenitsch, DO  
Nicole Ferguson, AuD, Chairperson

**Staff Present:** Weston MacIntosh, Analyst, Boards and Committees Section  
LeAnn Payne, Board Support, Boards and Committees Section  
Cheryl Pezon, Director, Bureau of Professional Licensing

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Blackburn, seconded by Dokianakis, to approve the agenda, as presented.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Somers, seconded by Dadisho, to approve the March 15, 2019 meeting minutes as presented.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

### **MiPLUS DISCUSSION**

Pezon introduced herself to the Board. She informed the Board that the Department will be switching to a new licensing platform called MiPLUS. The new platform will process license applications and update the online license verification system. Pezon provided an overview of MiPLUS and discussed what to expect during and after the transition.

### **REGULATORY CONSIDERATIONS**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Rules Discussion**

MacIntosh informed the Board there is a need to update the rules.

MOTION by Dokianakis, seconded by Zwolan, to open the rules.

A roll call vote followed: Yeas: Blackburn, Dadisho, Dokianakis, Somers, Zwolan  
Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

MacIntosh informed the Board that LARA leadership has decided that all Rules Committee meetings will be open to the public and are now called Rules Work Group Meetings. The public may attend and can discuss proposed rules with the Rules Committee.

MacIntosh asked if anyone is interested in joining the Rules Committee. He will discuss prospective appointments with Ferguson to appoint via email.

### **Resolutions**

Zwolan thanked Thomas O'Connor and Paul Kileny for their hard work and dedication to the Board. A resolution will be mailed to them.

## **HPRC Appointment**

MacIntosh informed the Board that Kara Leyzac, the Board of Audiology's representative on the Health Professional Committee cannot serve on the committee after December.

MacIntosh explained to the Board the qualifications for a candidate on the HPRC. He asked the Board to identify a member of the Audiology profession, who is not currently a member of the board, as a potential candidate for the appointment. He encouraged the Board to contact him with prospective candidates, so that the Board could vote on the appointment at the next meeting.

## **2020 Public Notice**

The Board was given the 2020 Public Notice.

## **Chair Report**

No Report.

## **Department Update**

MacIntosh announced that the Department will provide another Board member training in February of 2020. All members are welcome to attend.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next regularly scheduled meeting is December 20, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa Street, Conference Room 4, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Dokianakis, seconded by Dadisho, to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

A voice vote was held.

MOTION PREVAILED

Approved on \_\_9/2/2020\_\_\_\_\_

Prepared by:  
LeAnn Payne, Board Support

September 26, 2019