

Speech-Language Pathologist/Audiologist Advisory Council Minutes

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

Welcome

Attendees

Council Members

- Josie Helmbrecht
- Briann Morbitzer
- Letty Faller
- William Garvis
- Jim Clark

MDH Staff

- Jane Danner – Chair
- Alex Hooper
- Todd Hoover
- Pete Meuwissen
- Nicole Erickson
- Rick Michals
- Mark Meath
- Julianna Leintz
- Gaile Kaufman

Review and Approval of Minutes

August 16, 2023, minutes tabled, will be emailed, or included in next meeting.

Announcements

SLPA Advisory Council has open positions/appointments ending as January 1, 2024, please refer interested persons to the [Office of the MN Secretary of State Boards & Commissions](https://commissionsandappointments.sos.state.mn.us/) (<https://commissionsandappointments.sos.state.mn.us/>).

Council Member Discussion

- 1st quarter / audiology/speech language pathology - no complaints per audiologist.
- One active case - nothing additional to report.
- This quarter, July - September 30th - three open investigations - regarding re-application and a physical altercation.
- As of November 1, there are a total of 2,497 full licensees for speech language pathologists, audiologists and one dual-speech language pathologist and audiologist.

- 152 licensees that hold a temporary clinical fellowship license or doctoral external license and 11 individuals that hold a temporary 90-day speech language pathologist or audiologist license.

Staff Reports

Reports were presented; they are available upon request by emailing health.slpa@state.mn.us.

Old Business

- 2023 meetings – August 16.
- SLPA Advisory Council has open positions.

New Business

- SLPA Advisory Council open positions.
- Review [What to Know When Buying Prescription Hearing Aids \(PDF\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/providers/hid/docs/hearingaids.pdf) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/providers/hid/docs/hearingaids.pdf>) consumer brochure.
- Hearing Aid brochure - review – Upcoming Teams Meeting – November 29, 2023.
- ASHA and AAA CEU Transcript for renewals.
 - No changes or updates with this year's renewal process.
- HID Exam Report (pass/fail/total #'s/exam trends/license types).
 - Next exam - January 2024 - Orville L. Freeman Building.
 - The redesign of the modernization of the exam has been a success.
- We will be meeting quarterly on the 3rd Wednesday from 3:00-4:00 PM for the 2024 Meetings - February 21, May 15, August 21, and November 20.

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