

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY & HEARING AID DISPENSERS BOARD 1601 Response Road, Suite 260, Sacramento, CA 95815

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TELECONFERENCE BOARD MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

The Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensers Board (Board) will hold a Board Meeting via teleconference in accordance with Government Code section 11123, subdivision (b), and via WebEx Events on

Thursday, August 21, 2025, beginning at 1:00 p.m., and continuing on Friday, August 22, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

TELECONFERENCE LOCATIONS FOR OBSERVATION AND PUBLIC COMMENT:

Board Office 1601 Response Road Suite 260 (2nd Floor) Sacramento, CA 95815 (916) 287-7915

Law Office of Scott Warmuth 17700 Castleton St. #168 City of Industry, CA 91748 (888) 517-9888 Geleris Family Education Center 427 W. Carroll Avenue Room 1 (Thursday), Room 2 (Friday) Glendora, CA 91741 (626) 335-0611

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Thursday, August 21, 2025, WebEx Link, beginning at 1:00 p.m.:

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Friday, August 22, 2025, WebEx Link, beginning at 9:00 a.m.:

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Due to potential technical difficulties, please consider submitting written comments by 5:00 pm, Tuesday, August 19, 2025, to speechandhearing@dca.ca.gov for consideration.

Action may be taken on any agenda item. Items may be taken out of order to facilitate the effective transaction of Board business.

Thursday, August 21, 2025, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Board Members

Gilda Dominguez, Speech-Language Pathologist, Board Chair Amy White, Dispensing Audiologist, Board Vice Chair Tod Borges, Hearing Aid Dispenser Tamara Chambers, Otolaryngologist, Public Member Francis David, Speech-Language Pathologist Charles Sanders, Dispensing Audiologist Karen Chang, Public Member VACANT, Hearing Aid Dispenser VACANT, Public Member

Full Board Meeting Agenda

OPEN SESSION

- 1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum
- 2. Swearing in New Board Member and Appointment to Board Committees

Recess to Committee Meeting Business

Speech-Language Pathology Practice Committee Members

Gilda Dominguez, Speech-Language Pathologist, Committee Chair Tamara Chambers, Otolaryngologist, Public Member Francis David, Speech-Language Pathologist

Speech-Language Pathology Practice Committee Agenda

- 1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum
- 2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda (The Committee may not discuss or take any action on any item raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting (Government Code Sections 11125, 11125.7(a))
- 3. Discussion and Possible Action to Amend Regulations Regarding Scope of Responsibility, Duties, and Functions of Speech-Language Pathology Assistants Related to Swallow Therapy as Stated in Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) section 1399.170.3
- Discussion and Possible Action to Amend Regulations Regarding General Application Requirements and Speech-Language Pathology Aide and Audiology Aide Requirements and Scope of Activities, Duties and Functions as Stated in Title 16, CCR Sections 1399.151.2, 1399.151.3, 1399.151.4, 1399.154 through 1399.154.12, and 1399.157
- Discussion and Possible Action to Recommend to the Full Board to initiate a Rulemaking to Amend Requirements for Continuing Professional Development for Speech-Language Pathology Assistants as Stated in Business and Professions Code (BPC) 2538.1 and Title 16, CCR Sections 1399.170.14 and 1399.170.15

6. Adjournment

Upon Adjournment of the Speech-Language Pathology Practice Committee Meeting

Hearing Aid Dispensing Committee Members

Tod Borges, Hearing Aid Dispenser, Committee Chair Charles Sanders, Dispensing Audiologist Tamara Chambers, Otolaryngologist, Public Member Amy White, Dispensing Audiologist VACANT, Hearing Aid Dispenser

Hearing Aid Dispensing Committee Agenda

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- 3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Postfitting Counseling and Foreign Body In The Ear Canal as Stated in BPC Sections 2538.11, 2538.36, and 2539.6 and Title 16, CCR Sections 1399.125 and 1399.126
- 4. Discussion Regarding Hearing Aid Dispenser Trainee Supervision and Operations at Primary and Branch Locations of their Supervisor as Stated in BPC Sections 2538.27, 2538.28, 2538.30, 2538.33, 2538.34, 2538.35, and 2538.53 and Title 16, CCR Sections 1399.114, 1399.116, 1399.117, 1399.118, and 1399.119
- 5. Adjournment

Upon Adjournment of the Hearing Aid Dispensing Committee Meeting

Audiology Practice Committee Members

Amy White, Dispensing Audiologist, Committee Chair Karen Chang, Public Member Tamara Chambers, Otolaryngologist, Public Member Charles Sanders, Dispensing Audiologist

Audiology Practice Committee Agenda

1. Call to Order / Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum

- 2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda
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- 4. Adjournment

Upon Adjournment of the Audiology Practice Committee or Friday, August 22, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Board Members

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- 3. Review and Possible Approval of the May 15, 2025, Committee Meetings Minutes
- 4. Review and Possible Approval of the May 16, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
- 5. DCA Update DCA Board and Bureau Relations
- 6. Board Chair's Report
 - a) Board and Committee Meeting Calendar
 - b) Board Committee Reports
 - i. Speech-Language Pathology Practice Committee
 - ii. Hearing Aid Dispensing Committee
 - iii. Audiology Practice Committee

- 7. Executive Officer's Report
 - a) Administration Update
 - b) Outreach Update
 - c) Budget Report
 - d) Regulations Report
 - e) Licensing Report
 - f) Practical Examination Report
 - g) Enforcement Report
- 8. Legislative Report: Update, Review, and Possible Action on Proposed Legislation
 - a) Legislative Calendar and Deadlines
 - b) 2025 Board-Sponsored Legislation
 - i. Senate Bill (SB) 861 (Committee on Business, Professions and Economic Development) Consumer affairs.
 - c) Bills with Recommended Watch Status
 - i. Assembly Bill (AB) 45 (Bauer-Kahan) Privacy: health data: location and research.
 - ii. AB 322 (Ward) Precise geolocation information.
 - iii. AB 346 (Nguyen) In-home supportive services: licensed health care professional certification.
 - iv. AB 364 (DeMaio) Personal information: maintenance.
 - v. AB 410 (Wilson) Bots: disclosure.
 - vi. AB 485 (Ortega) Labor Commissioner: unsatisfied judgments: nonpayment of wages.
 - vii. AB 489 (Bonta) Health care professions: deceptive terms or letters: artificial intelligence.
 - viii. AB 667 (Solache) Professions and vocations: license examinations: interpreters.
 - ix. AB 742 (Elhawary) Department of Consumer Affairs: licensing: applicants who are descendants of slaves.
 - x. AB 784 (Hoover) Special education: specialized deaf and hard-of-hearing services.
 - xi. AB 970 (McKinnor) Child abuse and neglect reporting.
 - xii. AB 1015 (Patel) Discrimination and harassment prevention training.
 - xiii. AB 1110 (Ortega) Safety rules and regulations: notice.
 - xiv. AB 1192 (Carrillo) Child abuse or neglect: reporting.
 - xv. AB 1326 (Ahrens) Masks: individual or public health.
 - xvi. AB 1327 (Aguiar-Curry) Home improvement and home solicitation: right to cancel contracts: notice.
 - xvii. SB 81 (Arreguín) Health and care facilities: information sharing.
 - xviii. SB 82 (Umberg) Contracts: consumer goods and services: dispute resolution provisions.
 - xix. SB 294 (Reyes) The Workplace Know Your Rights Act.
 - xx. SB 402 (Valladares) Health care coverage: autism.
 - xxi. SB 446 (Hurtado) Data breaches: customer notification.
 - xxii. SB 470 (Laird) Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act: teleconferencing.
 - xxiii. SB 497 (Wiener) Legally protected health care activity.
 - xxiv. SB 641 (Ashby) Department of Consumer Affairs and Department of Real Estate: states of emergency: waivers and exemptions.
- 9. Legislative Items for Future Meeting (The Board May Discuss Other Items of Legislation in Sufficient Detail to Determine Whether Such Items Should be on a Future Board Meeting Agenda and/or Whether to Hold a Special Meeting of the Board to Discuss Such Items Pursuant to Government Code section 11125.4)
- 10. Discussion and Possible Action to Propose Amendments to Statutorily Approved Continuing Professional Development Providers as Stated in BPC Section 2532.6

- 11. Discussion and Possible Action to Propose Amendments to Statutory Requirements for Continuing Professional Development of Speech-Language Pathology Assistants as Stated in BPC Section 2538.1(b)(6)
- 12. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Proposed Amendments to Obtain Statutory Authority for Implementing a Retired License Status for Board Licensees
- 13. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Technical Statutory Clean-up

BREAK 12:30 – 1:00 pm (Time Approximate)

OPEN SESSION

- 14. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Audiology Practice Committee Recommendation Regarding Consumer Protection and Licensing Issues Related to Potential Creation of an Audiology Assistant License Type
- 15. Update on Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Changes to the Interpretation of the Medicare Benefit Policy Manual Related to Required Professional Experience Temporary License Holders' Treatment of Medicare Patients and Billing for Services
- Discussion of the February 2025 Occupational Analysis of the Speech-Language Pathologist Profession
- 17. Discussion on Hearing Aid Dispensing Licensing Examinations as stated in BPC sections 2538.17, 2538.25, 2538.31, and 2538.32, and Title 16, CCR Sections 1399.112, 1399.120, 1399.121, 1399.122, and 1399.152.4
- 18. Discussion on Hearing Healthcare Provider Letter Regarding Workforce Shortages and Recommendations to Address those Shortages through Licensure Reciprocity and Changes to Regulations regarding Hearing Aid Trainee as stated in Title 16, CCR Sections 1399.114, 1399.116, 1399.117, 1399.118, and 1399.119
- 19. Regulatory Report: Update, Review, and Possible Action on Board Regulation Packages
 - a) Update on Regulations Regarding Processing Times as Stated in Title 16, CCR Sections 1399.113, 1399.141, 1399.151.1, 1399.153.2, 1399.160.6, 1399.170.4, and 1399.170.13
 - b) Update on Regulations Regarding Audiology Licensing Requirements Related to Supervised Clinical Experience as Stated in Title 16, CCR section 1399.152.2
 - c) Update on Regulations Regarding Hearing Aid Dispensers Trainee and Temporary Licensee Supervision as Stated in Title 16, CCR sections 1399.102 and 1399.115 through 1399.119
 - d) Update on Regulations Regarding General Application Requirements and Hearing Aid Dispensers and Dispensing Audiologists Examination Requirements as Stated in Title 16, CCR sections 1399.112, 1399.120, 1399.121, 1399.122, and 1399.152.4
 - e) Update on Regulations Regarding Approved Institutions as Stated in Title 16, CCR section 1399.152
 - f) Update on Regulations Regarding Fingerprinting Requirements as Stated in Title 16, CCR sections 1399.112, 1399.151.2, and 1399.170.14
- 20. Future Agenda Items

CLOSED SESSION

21. The Board Will Meet in Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(c)(3) to Discuss Disciplinary Matters Including Proposed Decisions, Stipulated Decisions, Defaults, Petitions for Reductions in Penalty, Petitions for Reconsideration, and Remands.

OPEN SESSION

22. Adjournment

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Action may be taken on any item on the agenda. The time and order of agenda items are subject to change at the discretion of the Board Chair and may be taken out of order. In accordance with the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, all meetings of the Board are open to the public. In the event a quorum of the board is unable to attend the meeting, or the board is unable to maintain a quorum once the meeting is called to order, the members present may, at the Chair's discretion, continue to discuss items from the agenda and make recommendations to the full board at a future meeting. Adjournment, if it is the only item that occurs after a closed session, may not be webcast.

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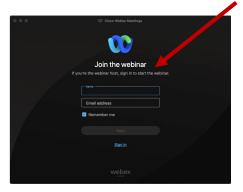
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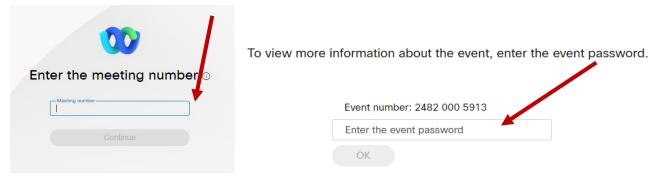
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Attendees/Members of the Public

Joined via Meeting Link

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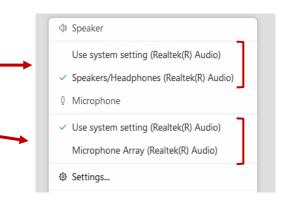
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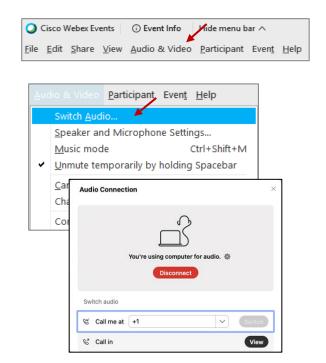
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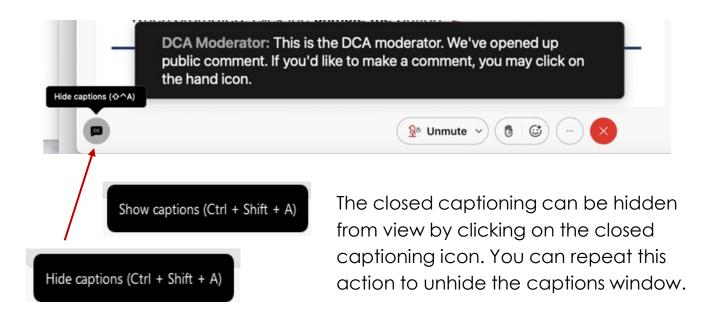
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