



## **SPEECH-LANAUGE PATHOLOGY PRACTICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

San Francisco, CA 94132  
May 11, 2017

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

Patti Solomon-Rice, Committee Chair, called the Speech-Language Pathology Practice Committee (Committee) meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. Ms. Solomon-Rice called roll; three members of the Committee were present and thus a quorum was established.

#### Board Members Present

Patti Solomon-Rice, Committee Chair  
Dee Parker, Committee Member  
Debbie Snow, Committee Member

#### Staff Present

Paul Sanchez, Executive Officer  
Jennifer Iida, DCA Web Cast  
Anita Joseph, Enforcement Coordinator  
Norine Marks, Legal Counsel  
Karen Robison, Analyst

#### Guests Present

Rodney Diaz, Board Member  
Sean Green, The Speech Pathology Group (SPG)  
Alison Grimes, Board Member  
Marcia Raggio, Board Member  
Amnon Shalev, Board Member  
Dennis Van Vliet, California Academy of Audiology (CAA)

### 2. Review and Approval of the November 6, 2014 Committee Meeting Minutes

#### **M/S/C Snow/Parker**

- **Motion to approve the November 6, 2014, Committee Meeting minutes with edits. Motion carried 3-0**

### 3. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

*There were no comments from Public/Outside Agencies/Associations.*

#### 4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Approval Process for Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Training Programs

Ms. Solomon-Rice opened by informing everyone that the Board had been contacted by a school who would like to add a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) training program to the degrees they offer; which brought about the need to revisit the SLPA approval process. The Committee has been tasked with coming up with the end objective and steps necessary to update the school approval process.

A phone discussion with SLPA coordinators, Sue Kidwell and Kristina Zajic, was tentatively scheduled during the Committee meeting but was not possible. Therefore, this discussion is going to be tabled. The Committee is looking into meeting by teleconference between May and August to begin working on the approval process. The Committee is looking forward to working with SLPA coordinators on the update to the SLPA training program approval process. Once a Committee meeting date is set an agenda will be added to the Board website.

Sean Green mentioned that the job market for SLPA's in Northern California is not promising as there are more SLPA graduates than job openings and wondered about the need for more SLPA programs. Ms. Parker mentioned that in Southern California SLPA's are hired upon completion of their program.

#### 5. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 2:20 p.m.