



**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Teleconference**  
**February 2, 2024**

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

Gilda Dominguez, Board Chair, called the Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board (Board) meeting to order at 12:00 pm (noon). Ms. Dominguez called roll; five members of the Board were present and thus a quorum was established.

Board Members

Gilda Dominguez, Speech-Language Pathologist, Board Chair  
Tod Borges, Hearing Aid Dispenser  
Karen Chang, Public Member  
John Dandurand, Hearing Aid Dispenser  
Charles Sanders, Dispensing Audiologist

Staff Present

Paul Sanchez, Executive Officer  
Cherise Burns, Assistant Executive Officer  
Maria Liranzo, Legislation/Regulation/Budget Analyst  
Tenisha Ashford, Enforcement Coordinator  
Lisa Snelling, Licensing Coordinator  
Yuping Lin, DCA Legal Counsel  
Grace Arupo Rodriguez, DCA Regulation Counsel  
Trisha St.Clair, DCA SOLID  
Alex Cristescu, DCA Office of Public Affairs

2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Ms. Dominguez asked for public comments. There were no comments from the public, outside agencies, or associations.

3. Discussion and Possible Action to Ratify Amended Regulations Regarding Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) Supervision Requirements as stated in Title 16, California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections 1399.170, 1399.170.2, and 1399.170.15 through 1399.170.18

Ms. Dominguez invited Ms. Liranzo to discuss possible action to ratify amended regulations regarding SLPA supervision. Ms. Liranzo provided a background and summary of changes to the proposed text. Ms. Liranzo noted that the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) revision to the proposed text was published for public comment and draft Board responses to public comments are included in the meeting materials.

Ms. Dominguez asked for Board discussion.

Ms. Dominguez stated that she reviewed the documents. Dr. Charles Sanders stated that he reviewed the documents and he had no comments.

Ms. Dominguez asked for public comments.

Robert McKinney on behalf of California Speech-Language Hearing Association commented in support with proposed changes to allow tele-supervision but expressed concerns with CCR section 1399.170.15(b)(1) regarding the requirement of two-year full time or 3,120 hours practice experience prior to supervision and asked for clarification how the 3,120 hours was determined. Mr. McKinney recommended the Board to include required professional experience (RPE) hours in this requirement and grandparent current supervisors who would not meet the requirements.

Grace Arupo Rodriguez stated that the comment is not directly related to the most recent modification to the text and noted that the Board can consider it in a future rulemaking.

Cherise Burns commented on information that will be provided to implement the proposed changes and noted that a grandparent clause may not be necessary in the proposed text as currently written. Ms. Burns further noted that the Board may reconsider this in a future rulemaking.

Ms. Liranzo stated that the Board did consider changes to this specific requirement at previous Board meetings and that meeting materials from those meetings can be provided to the public by contacting the Board via email. Ms. Liranzo noted that reasons to modify some part of this section and not modify other parts of this section can be found in those meeting materials.

**Charles Sanders moved to ratify the modifications to the regulatory text published during the 15-day comment period between January 12-29, 2024, approve the proposed Board responses to comments, and direct staff to take all steps necessary to complete the rulemaking process, including the filing of the final rulemaking package with the Office of Administrative Law, authorize the Executive Officer to make any non-substantive changes to the proposed regulations before completing the rulemaking process, and adopt the proposed regulations at Title 16, CCR Sections 1399.170, 1399.170.2, and 1399.170.15 through 1399.170.18, as noticed.**

**Karen Chang seconded the motion.**

**The motion carried 5-0.** (Ayes: Dominguez, Borges, Chang, Dandurand, Sanders)

#### 4. Future Agenda Items

Ms. Dominguez asked the Board for future agenda items. The Board had no items for a future agenda.

Ms. Dominguez asked for public comments. There were no comments from the public, outside agencies, or associations.

#### 5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

