West Virginia Board of Examiners for

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

May 23, 2019

Board Meeting

Time: 5:00 PM

Location: Board Office via Zoom

99 Edmiston Way – Suite 214

Buckhannon, WV 26201

Present: Board President, Erin Browning

Board Member, Michael Zagarella

Board Member, Vernon Mullins

Citizen Member, Joe E. Richards

Assistant Attorney General, Keith Fisher

WVU Summer Intern, Natalie Thorpe @ Board Office

Executive Director, Patricia Nesbitt @ Board Office

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM by Michael Zagarella at Erin Browning request.

Nick Aliberti representing InLumon presented a short power point highlighting their regulatory software. The presentation and questions ended at 5:32 PM

Patty Nesbitt introduced the WVU student summer intern, Natalie Thorpe, to the Board.

The minutes of the April 4, 2019 meeting were presented. Joe Richards made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Vernon Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The PCard Expenses for 04/16/2019 – 05/15/19 were presented for review. Joe Richards made a motion to accept the PCard report as presented. Mike Zagarella seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Michael Zagarella made a motion for Executive Session. Vernon Mullins seconded the motion. Executive session began at 5:39 PM

Michael Zagarella made a motion to end Executive session. Joe Richards seconded the motion. Executive session ended at 6:06 PM.

OLD BUSINESS

Patty Nesbitt reported the modified Rule §29-1 is currently in the thirty (30) day comment period. The comment period ends on June 17, 2019.

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The web based regulatory software package provided by InLumon was discussed. The cost of the software without an updated website hosted and maintained by InLumon is $600 per month. The cost including the website is $725 per month. Vernon Mullins made a motion to proceed with the software, including a revised website. Joe Richards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board Office has received a few inquiries regarding the waiver of initial license fees as mandated in SB396. The waivers are included in the Legislative Rule §29-1 modifications but will not be approved until the 2020 Legislative Session. The bill becomes effective on June 6th. (Ninety days after the Governor’s March 25th signature.) Vernon Mullins made a motion to grant waivers based on the effective date of SB396. Joe Richards seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Patty Nesbitt presented License Interstate Compact information received from Gregg Thornton, Executive Director of the Ohio Speech and Hearing Board. He is also a member of the advisory committee for the Compact. The WV Legislature will most likely discuss the compact during the 2020 legislative session.

Vernon Mullins made a motion to adjourn. Joe Richards seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia J Nesbitt for

Vickie Pullins, Secretary of the Board