



# Meeting Minutes



<b>Meeting Title:</b>	<b>Mississippi Council of Advisors in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Meeting</b>	
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b>CC/PL Conference Room – ZOOM - 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211</b>	
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>17 January 2025</b>	
<b>Time:</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>	
<b>Called to Order:</b>	<b>12:37 PM by Josie Alston, quorum established</b>	
<b>Next Meeting Date/Time/Location:</b>	<b>09 May 2025 12:30 P.M. CC/PL Conference Room - ZOOM / 143B LeFleurs Square, Jackson, MS 39211</b>	
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	<b>12:57 P.M.</b>	
<b>Attendees:</b>	<b><u>Council Members Present</u></b> Dr. Courtney Turner Dr. James House III Christine Hellums Josephine (Josie) Alston Dr. Ashley Grillis	<b><u>Council Members Absent</u></b> Elizabeth Burklow Christina Newman-Kimbrough
	<b><u>MSDH Staff Present</u></b> Amirah Saleem Felica Wang	<b><u>MSDH Staff Absent</u></b>
	<b><u>Attending Via Phone Conference</u></b>	
	<b><u>Members of the Public Present</u></b>	



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	New Business	NOTES
1.	Approval of October 25, 2024 minutes	A motion was made by Dr. House to approve the minutes of the October 25, 2024 meeting. Dr. Turner seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
2.	Election of Officer for 2026	Dr. House nominated Ms. Alston for chairperson, Ms. Alston asked Dr. Turner if she wanted to alternate years, and she nominated Dr. Turner for chairperson. Dr. House seconded the motioned for Dr. Turner as chairperson. Dr. Turner was approved as chairperson for 2026.
3.	Reappointments/Nominations	Ms. Wang stated that 3 members, Ms. Hellums, Dr. Turner, and Ms. Newman-Kimbrough were expiring at the end of the year, and asked those present if they were willing to serve another term. Both Ms. Hellums and Dr. Turner stated yes, and was asked by Ms. Wang to email an interest statement and current CV. Ms. Wang will reach out to Ms. Newman-Kimbrough via email. Also, a letter from MSHA will be need for the 3 reappointments.
4.	Complaints	Ms. Wang informed the Council there have been no complaints since the last meeting.
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	Other Business	NOTES
1.	Licensure Verifications	Ms. Wang informed the Council that all verifications (from Ms. Alston's inquiry at the October meeting) must be received for all applicants. Ms. Alston stated that the issue (and thus the question at that time) was that the state purged that individual's information from the system and did not have any records. Ms. Wang stated that the state agency would just send over an email or letter stating that no records found on the individual and the Department can process the application.
2.	Au.D Program	Dr. Turner made a motion to approve the ACAE program for Au.D at UMMC. Dr. Grillis seconded the motion. The motion was approved.
3.	Trial Period for Hearing Aids	Dr. Turner informed the Council that MSHA has recommended the addition of a mandatory return period of 30 days for hearing aids into both SLP/A and HAS regulations. She emailed the letter from MSHA to the Council members, and states that herself and MSHA will be reviewing other states verbiage for an update at the next meeting.

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**Council Chairperson**

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**MSDH Representative**

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