



MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

**Speech-Language Pathology/Audiology Advisory Council**  
**Minutes**  
January 19, 2018

**Members**

Charles G. Marx, CCC-A  
Ashley Grillis, CCC-A  
Bradley Crowe, CCC-SLP  
Robin Friend, OT  
Dr. Claude Harbarger

**Members Absent**

Lindy Oswalt  
Darlene Gore, CCC-SLP

**MSDH**

F. Simkins  
Y. Morrow  
C. Walter  
A. Saleem

1. Dr. Marx called the meeting to order. A quorum was established. The Council welcomed new members.

2. By unanimous consent, August 18, 2017, minutes were approved by the Council.

3. The Council elected the following individuals to the named offices by acclamation:

Chair-elect: Dr. Charles Marx  
Secretary: Dr. Ashley Grillis

**4. Old Business:**

A. Ms. Morrow informed the Council that the Regulation amendment, requiring a doctoral degree for an audiologist license, would be submitted for the April board meeting.

**5. New Business:**

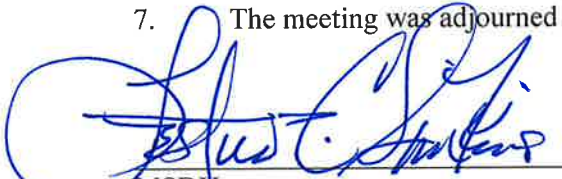
A. A motion was made by Ms. Friend and seconded by Mr. Crowe to accept the ASHA minimum passing scores of 162 for speech-language pathology and 170 for audiology, as the passing scores for licensure in Mississippi. The motion passed. The acceptance of the ASHA minimums passing scores will be submitted to the MSDH Board of Health for approval at the April 2018 meeting.


B. Ms. Morrow reminded the Council of the 2018 renewal period that begins May 1, 2018. Dr. Marx inquired if licensees could start receiving ID cards when they renew. Mr. Simkins informed the Council that once the new database comes online each licensee should have the ability to print an ID card if desired.

- C. Ms. Morrow informed the Council that Dr. Harbarger's term expired on December 31, 2017, and that he is eligible for reappointment. She has contacted the Mississippi Society of Otolaryngology for a letter of support. Dr. Harbarger will continue to serve until reappointed or replaced.
- D. Dr. Marx presented a request that the Department report violations to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. He also inquired if the Department of Health and the Department of Education communicated concerning speech-language pathologists whose license has been disciplined. Mr. Simkins informed him that in the past we have not. Ms. Powell, a visiting Speech-Language Pathologist, asked if it were possible for the two agencies to communicate issues. Mr. Simkins stated that Department could send a letter to make a request.

6. The next meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2018, at 10:30 a.m.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

  
MSDH

  
Council Secretary

Date: 7 Sep 18