



# **Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers**

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## **Minutes**

**Friday July 22, 2022, 11:00 a.m.**

**Attendees:** Lauren Layman, General Counsel; Cassandra Diederich, Staff Counsel; Deb Charlea Baker, Elizabeth Adams, Tara Grenier, Chief Licensing Administrator; Aprille Morrison, Licensing Administrator Supervisor, and Michelle Lavoie, Licensing Administrator

### **1. Discussion Items:**

Telehealth Rules discussion – Ms. Layman spoke with advisor members present regarding implementation of Telehealth rules for Audiology and Hearing Aid Dispensers. She will provide an updated draft for advisor review and input at the next meeting in September.

Administrative Rules update – Ms. Diederich informed attendees that she is working on a draft of updates for the Administrative Rules and is hoping to present a draft for review in prior to the next scheduled meeting.

Review of Hearing Aid Dispenser exam. The advisors will review the hearing aid dispenser exam required for licensure at the September meeting for accuracy and to ensure that it is up to date.

Dr. Adams relayed some concerns that she has heard from the licensing community.

There was also discussion on the recent legislation that requires certain insurances to pay for hearing aids and some potential issues that may result.

### **2. Public Comment - None**

### **3. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 11:58 am**

**Next Scheduled Meeting Date: September 19, 2022 at 10:00 am**

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