



## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology (Board), pursuant to Chapter 119, of the Ohio Revised Code, hereby gives notice that it will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of considering the adoption, amendment, and recession of rules.

The public hearing will be conducted on **Thursday, October 26, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts**, located at 77 South High Street, 31<sup>st</sup> Floor; Columbus, Ohio, 43215. The hearing will take place in the **Board Room** and continue until all parties in attendance have had an opportunity to be heard.

Oral or written testimony may be presented by any person affected by the proposed action.

***The following rules are being proposed as amended rules:***

**4747-1-02: Definitions and interpretations**

This rule sets forth the definitions for hearing aid dealing and fitting. The Board is amending the definitions to align with the FDA's regulations for over-the-counter hearing aids and prescription hearing aids.

**4747-1-19: Appropriate hearing test procedures**

This rule sets forth the requirements for appropriate hearing test procedures for hearing aid fitters. The Board is amending this rule to align with the FDA's regulations for over-the-counter hearing aids and prescription hearing aids.

**4753-3-05: Student clinical experience**

This rule specifies the requirements for individuals completing the student clinical experience requirements for speech-language pathology or audiology in a graduate level program. The Board is amending this rule to no longer require a notarized signature from the university program director verifying that the student completed their student clinical experience. The Board will accept the signature on the university's letterhead.

**4753-8-01: Definitions**

The rule sets forth the definitions for hearing aids, dispensing hearing aids, and advertising of hearing aids for audiologists licensed under Chapter 4753. The Board is amending definitions to align with FDA's regulations for over-the-counter hearing aids and prescription hearing aids.

**4753-8-03: Rules on appropriate hearing aid test procedures;**

This rule sets forth the requirements for appropriate hearing test procedures for audiologists. The Board is amending hearing test procedures to align with FDA's regulations for over-the-counter hearing aids and prescription hearing aids

A copy of the proposed rules referenced above may be downloaded from the Register of Ohio at [www.registerohio.state.oh.us](http://www.registerohio.state.oh.us). In addition, individuals may request a complete text of the proposed rules by contacting the Board office at the address and/or telephone number noted below. Requests may also be submitted via e-mail at [Gregg.Thornton@shp.ohio.gov](mailto:Gregg.Thornton@shp.ohio.gov).

**All interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.** Those persons who wish to provide oral testimony at the hearing are encouraged to inform the Board prior to the hearing date and may be given preference in the order of testimony. **Individuals testifying in-person should bring 12 copies of their written testimony.**

**Written testimony received by the Board by the close of business the day before the hearing is scheduled will be considered.** Written testimony in lieu of oral testimony may be submitted by:

Written testimony via e-mail to [Gregg.THornotn@shp.ohio.gov](mailto:Gregg.THornotn@shp.ohio.gov)

**Note: written testimony by e-mail must be received no later than one day prior to the hearing date.**

Written testimony mailed to:

Gregg B. Thornton, Executive Director

**ATTN: Written Testimony for Rules Hearing**

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**Note: written testimony by mail must be received at the board office no later than one day prior to the hearing date. To ensure timely receipt of any written testimony, the Board recommends submitting testimony via e-mail, in lieu of mailing to the Board office.**