

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 **Friday**, **August 13**, **2010**, **at 1:30 p.m. at the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts**, located at 77 South High Street, 31st 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 rule is proposed as a new rule to implement the requirements for inactive licensure under section 4753.091* of the Ohio Revised Code for the manner in which speech-language pathologists and audiologists holding an active license may place their license in inactive status, and the requirements for restoring an inactive license to active status:

*(Note: section 4753.091 was an amendment to HB 215, which was signed into law by Governor Strickland on June 13, 2010. 4753.091 will become effective 90 days thereafter, on September 13, 2010.)

4753-3-11 – Inactive Status of license; restoration Purpose of the new rule: Specifies the requirements for placing a license in inactive status and how to restore an inactive license to active status.

The following rules are proposed as amended rules:

4753-5-11 – Speech-language pathologist or audiologist; fee for initial license; fee for renewal of license; late renewal fee

Purpose of the amended rule: Specifies the fee to place a license in inactive status; corrects previous reference to escrow license; corrects the date in which the renewal fee is waived if an initial application is issued less than one hundred days before December thirty-first of the renewal year.

4753-3-07 – Professional experience requirements for licensure of applicants for audiology applying for licensure with at least a master's degree or equivalent obtained prior to January 1, 2006 and for speech-language pathology

Purpose of the amended rule: Specifies requirements for onsite supervision occurring via telepractice applications during the supervised professional experience year.

A copy of the proposed rules referenced above may be downloaded from the Register of Ohio at <u>www.registerohohio.state.oh.us</u>. 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 above. Requests may also be submitted via e-mail at <u>board@slpaud.ohio.gov</u>.

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.

Written comments received by the Board before the close of the hearing record will be considered. Written comments in lieu of oral testimony may be submitted by:

Written comments brought to the public hearing; Written comments via e-mail to <u>board@slpaud.ohio.gov</u> Written comments mailed to the attention of:

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