



Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

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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, 2017, at 9:00 a.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 rules are being proposed as amended rules:

4753-1-03 Business Filing – this rule is being amended to better align with the new eLicense Ohio system that will be utilized by entities required to submit a business filing statement. Specifically, the proposed amendment eliminates the requirement that a form be submitted by paper and under a notarized signature.

4753-3-04 Educational Requirements for Licensure – this rule is being amended to better align with the new eLicense Ohio system that will be utilized by individuals applying for licensure. Specifically, the proposed amendment eliminates the requirement that a letter from a university requesting expedited licensure be submitted under a university seal or notarized signature.

Rule 4753-4-01 Continuing Education Requirements – this rule pertains to continuing education standards for licensed audiologists and speech-language pathologists who practice under the provisions of Ohio Revised and Administrative Code Chapters 4753. This rule outlines the number of continuing education hours to be completed during each biennium practice period and requirements for continuing education in order to renew the license. Pursuant to passage of HB 290, 131st GA, this rule is being amended to permit continuing education credit for providing services as a volunteer to uninsured and indigent persons.

4753-5-01 Speech-language pathologist or audiologist; fee for initial license; fee for renewal of license; late renewal fee – this rule specifies the fees applicable for initial and renewal

applications. The proposed change would eliminate to need for the Board to issue and for licensees to display a renewal card.

A copy of the proposed rules referenced above may be downloaded from the Register of Ohio at 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 above. Requests may also be submitted via e-mail at Gregg.Thornton@slpaud.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.

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 Gregg.Thornton@slpaud.ohio.gov

Written comments mailed to the attention of:

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