



Speech and Hearing Professionals Board

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, October 31, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at the Vern Riffe Center for Government and the Arts**, located at 77 South High Street, 19th Floor; Columbus, Ohio, 43215. The hearing will take place in **Room 1932** 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 being proposed as an amended rule:

4753-5-01: Fees

This rule specifies the application fees to practice speech-language pathology and audiology by individuals licensed under Ohio Revised and Administrative Code Chapters 4753. The public purpose of this rule is to ensure the Board generates sufficient revenue to carry out its mission of consumer protection. The proposed amendment sets the state fee for Ohio at \$25.00 to apply for a privilege to practice audiology or speech-language pathology with the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

The following rule is being proposed as a five-year rule review with changes:

4753-4-01: Continuing education

This rule specifies the continuing education requirements for speech-language pathologists and audiologists licensed under Ohio Revised and Administrative Code Chapters 4753. The public purpose of this rule is to ensure practitioners are maintaining their skill and competency for consumer protection. The proposed change is clean-up in nature by removing "practice period" and "renewal period" with industry standard language of "practice biennium" and "biennium."

The following rule is being proposed as a rescinded rule:

4744-1-01: Rule Making

This rule specifies the process the Board must follow for rule-making. The public purpose of this rule is to ensure adequate notice is provided to the public, with an opportunity to be heard, when the Board proposes to adopt, amend, or rescind a rule. The proposed rescission of this rule is necessary because the rule-making



process specified in the rule is duplicative and unnecessary due to rule-making provisions the Board is already following under Ohio Administrative Code section 119.03.

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 below. Requests may also be submitted via e-mail at 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.Thornton@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.