



Dr. Patrick M. Murphy elected Chair of the Pennsylvania State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

Dr. Patrick M. Murphy has been elected Chair of the Pennsylvania State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology for the 2023 calendar year.

He was originally recommended by State Senator Steve Santarsiero, appointed by Governor Tom Wolf, and confirmed unanimously by the Pennsylvania State Senate in October 2019 for a first term. Senator Santarsiero recommended Dr. Murphy to Governor Josh Shapiro for his consideration on a second appointment for confirmation by the Pennsylvania Senate for a second term.

Dr. Murphy has been a contributor to the Bucks County Women's Journal since March 2003.

This board regulates the practice and licensure of persons offering speech-language and hearing services in

the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Board's purposes are to safeguard the health and safety of the public; protect the public from being misled by incompetent, unscrupulous, and unauthorized persons; to assail unprofessional conduct on the part of qualified speech-language pathologists and audiologists; and to ensure that the highest possible quality of speech-language and hearing services are provided for all communicatively handicapped persons in the Commonwealth.

The Board's duties include examining for, denying, approving, issuing, revoking, suspending, or renewing licenses to speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and teachers of the hearing impaired; establishing a code of ethics for speech-language pathologists and audiologists; promulgating rules and regulations regarding

persons functioning under the direction of audiologists and speech-language pathologists; and conducting hearings upon complaints of violations of the Board's rules and regulations.

This Board has two audiologists, two speech-language pathologists, one physician, two public members, and a commissioner of the Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs. Support staff include a board administrator and legal counsel.

Each Board member is provided a stipend for each quarterly meeting and reimbursed for out of pocket expenses involving, travel, lodging, and meals. Dr. Murphy donates the after tax amount to charity and neither submits for or accepts any reimbursement for his out of pocket expenses. In doing so he is giving back to the citizens of Pennsylvania by serving and to the audiology profession.

Dr. Murphy became a private practice audiologist in 1987. His practice, Murphy Hearing Services, has been located in Doylestown since October 1995. He provides complete audiological evaluations, industrial

hearing conservation programming, dispensing and servicing hearing aids, counseling and aural rehabilitation, report writing, technical writing, consumer articles, and public speaking.

He earned a Doctorate in Audiology in 2016 from A.T. Still University, a Master of Education in 1987 from the University of Virginia, a Bachelor of Science in 1980 from Frostburg State University, and a certificate in 1977 from Allegany College of Maryland.

Dr. Murphy is a professional member of the International Society of Audiology, Pan American Society of Audiology, Academy of Doctors of Audiology, and the American Auditory Society; a Fellow of the American Academy of Audiology; and Founding Charter Member of the Pennsylvania Academy of Audiology. He has Board Certification from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Board and was recently presented a Life Membership for 30 years of service in Pennsylvania Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

His record of community service extends more than

50 years and includes becoming an Eagle Scout in 1976; Outstanding Young Men of America in 1980; Maryland & Virginia Jaycees for Outstanding Internal Vice President, Outstanding President, Regional Director of the Quarter, Jaycee of the Year, and Distinguished Service Award; American Red Cross Certificate of Appreciation for his work in Jackson, Mississippi for Hurricane Katrina disaster relief; and many, many more honors.

Dr. Murphy has served the Bucks County Board of Elections for 22 years, with 18 of those years as a judge. He does everything in his power to ensure and preserve the right for everyone to vote each election day regardless of registration status.

Dr. Murphy and his wife of 34 years, Jacqueline, reside in Doylestown with their two four-legged family members, Daisy and Coco. He is an avid reader, has written for a variety of publications, and has an extensive collection of baseball memorabilia dating back to the 1800s. They enjoy traveling to the Outer Banks, New England, and Europe. London is his favorite place to visit.

