

**American Academy of Audiology
Board of Directors Virtual Meeting
December 3, 2024**

Member Summary

President: Patricia Gaffney, AuD, MPH

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Term Ending '25: Ursula Findlen, PhD, Kaitlyn Kennedy, AuD, Lachelle Lazarus, AuD

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Term Ending '27: Brenna Carroll, AuD, Maria Pomponio, AuD, Greta Stamper, AuD, PhD

Ex-Officio: Lindee Alvarez, SAA Liaison; Patrick Gallagher, MBA, Executive Director

Staff: Larry Burner, Stephanie Dumey, Anne Poodiack, Kitty Werner, Joanne Zurcher

- The board approved the October and November 2024 meeting minutes.
- The board reviewed and approved the 2025 Honors and Awards slate.
- The board reviewed the draft September 30, 2024 draft financials. As year-end financials, they will not be final until after the completion of the audit in spring 2025.
- Joanne Zurcher, Vice President of Government Relations and Policy, provided an overview of the post-election outcome for the Academy's advocacy efforts. The Academy will continue to work with ADA and ASHA to pursue any opportunities to move the bill, which will die at the end of December and require reintroduction in the 119th Congress. Representatives of AAA, ADA, and ASHA will meet later in December to review the terms of the memorandum of understanding between the organizations to affirm terms for working together on the existing bill and possibly other efforts. J. Zurcher provided an update on state issues and efforts to expand the State Policy Advocacy Network and the Academy's grassroots participants.
- Anne Poodiack, Vice President of Meetings, Education, & Business Development, reported on attendee and exhibitor registration for AAA 2025. She highlighted the interest in a special bundled registration offer for an audiologist to bring an audiology assistant, which the Academy introduced to support the launch of the new assistant track included in the program. She also emphasized the importance of attendees booking hotel reservations through the Academy's room blocks to minimize the liability to the organization.