

**American Academy of Audiology
Board of Directors Virtual Meeting
November 21, 2024**

Member Summary

President: Patricia Gaffney, AuD, MPH

President-elect: Dave Zapala, PhD, AuD

Immediate Past President: Bopanna Ballachanda, PhD

Board Members:

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

Term Ending '26: Kwame Curtis, AuD, Wafaa Kaf, MBBCh, MSc, PhD, Meagan Bachmann, AuD

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

* **not present**

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

Staff: Anne Poodiack, Andrew Stafford, Kitty Werner

- The board discussed the Academy's ethical documents and considered if the *Code of Ethics* suffices in providing the guiding principles for the organization. Currently, the Academy has supplemental documents that go into greater detail about the ethics of research and industry relationships. Background material detailed the evolution of the documents and their current status. The board also considered both the impetus for and the impact of having documents that are prescriptive in nature more so than providing general guidance. Additionally, the board compared Academy documents with ethics documents of other health professions that are more general in scope.
- The board recognized that the ethics "green" book and supplemental guidelines are not foundational to the ethical principles of the organization. The board affirmed that the *Code of Ethics* presents the Academy's guiding ethical principles by which a member is expected to abide. The supplemental guidance and book will be sunset.
- The Board reviewed the charges of the Ethical Practices Committee and affirmed that its primary charges are to review ethics complaints relative to the *Code of Ethics* and to plan an ethics educational session at the annual convention.
- The Board will approve all volunteer member appointments to the Ethical Practices Committee.
- The board reviewed the results of the post-meeting evaluation from October. The board members will complete a survey after each quarterly meeting and review the results at the following meeting.