

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 3, 2012
1:30 p.m.

A regular Board meeting of the Kentucky Licensing Board for Specialists in Hearing Instruments was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions located at 911 Leawood Drive in Frankfort, KY.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Clark
Michael Hoagland
Gerry Gordon-Brown
Peter Pearlman
Faron Blakeman
Debra Drewry
Lisa Brown

OCCUPATIONS & PROFESSIONS STAFF

Jeremy Horton, Deputy Executive Director
Carolyn Benedict, Board Administrator
Deb Day, Section Supervisor

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Angela Evans – Assistant Attorney General

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Arthur Azar
Greg Osetinsky, M.D.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Clark called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office was administered to Michael Stone by Tamara Hawkins from the Office of Occupations and Professions.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Clark opened the floor for nominations of officers for 2012. Mr. Stone made the following nominations: Michael Hoagland as Chair, Peter Pearlman as Vice Chair, and Lisa Brown as Secretary. Motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the December 1, 2011 regular meeting were reviewed. Ms. Gordon-Brown made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Pearlman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial report was reviewed.

OFFICE OF OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS REPORT

Mr. Horton announced that Ms. Lang had accepted a position in a different agency and Ms. Benedict would be temporarily reassigned to the HIS board. The Board asked the minutes to reflect that they would like to retain Ms. Benedict because of her past experience and knowledge of the HIS board. They asked that the minutes also reflect that this was a unanimous request of the Board.

Mr. Horton informed the Board that the MOA between the HIS board and the Office of Occupations and Professions would be valid through June 30, at which time they would need to re-sign it. The one signed after June 30, would be in place for the next 2 year budget cycle. Mr. Pearlman made a motion the MOA be accepted by the Board. Mr. Blakeman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

The matter with regard to United Health Care was discussed. It was reported that the recommendation from the Institute for Hearing Studies was to wait and see what happened on the federal level before taking any action. If a final recommendation was made on the federal level, Mr. Clark agreed to send an email to all Board members with that information.

NEW BUSINESS

Clarification with regard to correspondence or emails was made. In the future, it was decided that all emails and letters come before the Board for response. The Board Administrator should not have any responsibility to answer questions from licensees.

Auditing the process of apprentice training was discussed. Ms. Gordon-Brown made a motion that a committee be appointed to establish a policy or procedure to audit the training. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hoagland appointed Mr. Stone and Ms. Drewry to the committee and asked that they bring a report back with them to the April meeting.

Some questions had arisen with regard to the written earmold exam. Mr. Pearlman made a motion that a committee be appointed to review the exam. Mr. Blakeman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hoagland appointed Mr. Stone and Mr. Pearlman to the committee and asked that they review the exam and discuss possible revisions. It was also discussed that there should be at least two versions of each written exam so that they could be alternated. Ms. Benedict was asked to place the topic on the agenda for additional discussion in April.

Ms. Brown made a motion that a committee be appointed to revise the application for licensure. Mr. Pearlman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hoagland appointed Ms. Brown and Mr. Clark to the committee.

COMPLAINTS

Pursuant to KRS 61.810 Mr. Clark made a motion to go into closed session at 3:30 p.m. Mr. Pearlman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. At 3:37 p.m. Mr. Pearlman made a motion to come out of closed session. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Blakeman made a motion to deny the Settlement Agreement in Compliant 2011-06 and to amend the language. Ms. Gordon-Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the travel and per diem. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pearlman. The motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Hoagland reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2012. The complaint committee will meet at 12:30 p.m. with the regular meeting of the Board meeting beginning at 2:00p.m. Licensing Exams will be given on Friday, April 13, 2012, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, Mr. Blakeman made a motion that the meeting would be adjourned at 3:37 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon-Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Prepared by
Carolyn Benedict
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