

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2026  
10:30 a.m.

A board meeting of the Kentucky Licensing Board for Specialists in Hearing Instruments was hosted by the Department of Professional Licensing in Frankfort, KY.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Teresa Somody  
Lisa Nelson Brown  
Lakyn Bastani  
Charles Chapman  
Steven Clark

**DPL STAFF**

Lyndsay Sipple, Executive Staff Advisor  
Chelsey Moye, Board Administrator  
Jenna Wells, Fiscal Section Administrator  
Kristen Lawson, DPL Commissioner

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Anthony Milliano

**OTHERS**

Catherine Falconer, Office of Legal Services

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Clark called the meeting to order at 10:31am.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The board meeting minutes from January 15, 2026, were reviewed. Ms. Somody made the motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Chapman seconded, and the motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial report for January 2026 was reviewed.

**DPL REPORT**

There was no update at this time.

**BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT**

Ms. Falconer introduced herself as the new interim board attorney. No further report at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Clark suggested to table the conversation of changing the CEU regulation. He wants to contact Hearing Association to see their opinion on this regulation before making a decision.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The board motioned for the following board chair elections: Mr. Clark will remain as the board chair, Ms. Bastani will be the vice chair, and Ms. Nelson-Brown will remain as the secretary. Seconded by Mr. Chapman, motion carried. Board chair, Mr. Clark, volunteered Ms. Somody to join the complaints committee.

## **COMPLAINTS**

- 2025HIS00002
- 2025HIS00003

Ms. Somody made a motion to move into closed session at 10:57 a.m. Ms. Nelson-Brown seconded the motion and it carried. Pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(j) for deliberation of quasi-judicial bodies regarding application and complaints at which information protected by KRS 61.810(k) may be discussed.

Mr. Chapman moves and Ms. Somody seconds to return to open session and the motion carried. Board chair, Mr. Clark, announces time returned to open session at 11:06am

Ms. Somody motions to dismiss complaint 2025HIS000012, dismiss due to lack of jurisdiction on complaint 2025HIS00003, and the board will draft a letter to Happy Clinic requesting more information and all communication that has been referenced in the Winchester Sun with a 30-day response time. Mr. Chapman seconded and the motion carried.

## **APPLICATIONS.**

The Applications Committee brought to the board the motion to ratify the following approvals:

- 3 Apprentice Application - approvals for permits
- 1 Individual Application -
- 0 Individual Application (Reciprocity)-
- 0 Renewal Application –
- 0 CEU Application –
- 0 Supervisor Change-

The applications committee made a motion to accept the approvals, seconded by Mr. Chapman, motion carried.

Ms. Nelson-Brown motion to approve the renewal extension request. Seconded by Ms. Somody, motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL & PER DIEM**

Mr. Chapman motioned to approve per diem expenses for today's meeting. Ms. Somody seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2026, at 10:30am, with the state board exam at 12:30pm. Complaints committee will meet at 10:00am, if needed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Nelson-Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:25am. Mr. Chapman seconded the motion and it carried.

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**Steve Clark, Chair**