

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2022
9:00 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

Larry Brown
Faron Blakeman
Lisa Nelson Brown
Greg Thompson
Allison Cummins-Carusio
David Kimbel

DPL STAFF

Kevin Winstead, Commissioner
Megan Bradford, Board Administrator
Chessica Nation, Administrative Section Supervisor
Lori Seay, Board Administrator

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Ryan Broyles
Arun Gadre

OTHERS

Clay Patrick, Office of Legal Services

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kimbel called the meeting to order at 09:05 am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the February 21, 2022 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Nelson Brown motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Blakeman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial reports for February 2022 and March 2022 were reviewed.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Winstead advised the state of emergency was effectively ended on March 21 by SJR150. He advised DPL has updated renewal and expiration dates of licenses accordingly and an email or paper letter has been sent to all licensees.

Commissioner Winstead also advised that HB95 was signed by the Governor and will go into law later this year. He stated typically this time of year he would present the Board with new memorandum of agreements between the Department of Professional Licensing, Office of Legal Services and the Board. Since HB95 will likely have a profound effect on the amount of licensees and revenue, the department is still working on drafting these agreements. He advised the Board will likely have to call a special meeting to review.

He advised that all members will be provided a state email address due to a recent circuit court ruling regarding open records requests.

BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Patrick advised he had no report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Thompson advised he and Mr. Brown had been working on the Inactive Status Regulation. Mr. Thompson advised that at this point, the committee feels it best to wait to finish preparing the regulation until Over the Counter Hearing Aids and HB95 settle, as he feels confident other regulations will need to be prepared and filed.

The Board followed up on the preparation of a memo to licensees about the updated continuing education requirements for the remainder of the 2022 and upcoming 2023 renewal periods.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed individual requests for extension to allow more time to complete continuing education for this renewal period. Ms. Nelson Brown detailed the repetitive issues she has seen with reviewing renewals due to the possible lack of clarity of a memo issued May 21, 2021. After discussion, Ms. Nelson Brown made a motion to accept any continuing education submitted this renewal period and issue a very clear memo outlining requirements for 2023. Mr. Blakeman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Bradford advised that two Audiologist whose license renewals were marked incomplete have requested refunds of the \$200 fee, stating they no longer want the license. After review of the Boards regulations, application fees are non-refundable.

COMPLAINTS

There are no open complaints at this time.

APPLICATIONS

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

- 6 Apprentice Application - approvals for permits
- 8 Individual Application - approvals to sit for the state board exam
- 2 Individual Application - approvals to be registered for the ILE and also sit for the state board exam
- 0 CEU Application - approvals

Ms. Nelson Brown seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL & PER DIEM

Mr. Blakeman motioned to approve travel and per diem expenses. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2022 at 9am, with the state board exam at 1pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Brown motioned to adjourn. Mr. Thompson second the motion, and the motion carried. Chairman Kimbel adjourned the meeting at 10:24 am.



David Kimbel, Chair