

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 8th, 2021
9:00 a.m.

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Travis Corder
Faron Blakeman
William Brown
Greg Thompson
Allison Cummins-Carusio
Lisa Nelson Brown

DPL STAFF

Kevin Winstead, Acting Commissioner
Christie Kline, Board Administrator

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Arun Gadre
David Kimbel
Ryan Broyles

OTHERS

Chris Hunt, Board Counsel, Office of Legal Services
Leah Boggs, Acting General Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

Travis Corder called the meeting to order at 09:01am

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the December 11th, 2020 meeting were reviewed. William Brown motioned to approve the minutes. Greg Thompson seconded the motion and it carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial reports for December 2020, January 2021, February 2021, and March 2021 were reviewed.

DPL REPORT

Acting Commissioner Kevin Winstead introduced himself, and brought to the board that the previous Commissioner, Michael Newman, had left the position. Acting Commissioner Kevin Winstead brought to the board that Leah Boggs was now Acting General Counsel.

BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT

Board counsel Chris Hunt brought to the board that the fees regulation receipt had been confirmed.

Board counsel Chris Boggs introduced Acting General Counsel Leah Boggs. Acting General Counsel Leah Boggs introduced herself to the Board. Acting General Counsel Leah Boggs brought to the board the MOA between OLS & HIS for FY22 for review. A motion was made by William Brown to approve the MOA between OLS & HIS for FY22 for review. Lisa Nelson Brown seconded the motion and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Travis Corder brought to the board the incorrect board address in statute and regulation for discussion. Travis Corder removed the incorrect board address in statute and regulation from old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Christie Kline brought to the board an inquiry from a licensee regarding renewal documentation. The board requested that Christie Kline contact the licensee to use the sample sales and purchase contracts on the board website as this is acceptable.

Christie Kline brought to the board an inquiry from a licensee regarding audiometer calibration documentation for renewal. William Brown motioned that a notarized statement from the licensee indicating the reason why they did not have an audiometer, and that they would not use an audiometer, would be acceptable documentation for renewals submitted through October 31st, 2021. Greg Thompson seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The board requested that Christie Kline contact the licensee to provide a notarized statement of the reason why they had no audiometer, and that they will not use an audiometer as this is acceptable.

Christie Kline brought to the board inquiries from a licensee regarding telehealth. The board requested Chris Hunt follow up with Travis Corder to draft a letter of response.

Travis Corder and Greg Thompson brought to the board the Mid America Conference dates and continuing education requirements for licensees for discussion. Faron Blakeman motioned that attendance of live online seminars, conference and training listed as relevant offerings in 201 KAR 7:075 section 3.1, could substitute for the in-person attendance continuing education requirement for the 2021 CEU requirements earned through January 30th, 2022. Allison Cummins-Carusio seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The board requested that Christie Kline and Chris Hunt draft a memorandum and circulate to the board chair for review, and then send out the memorandum to the licensees.

Greg Thompson of the Inactive License Committee brought to the board that the committee requested their report be tabled until the next board meeting. Travis Corder tabled the Inactive License Committee report until the next board meeting.

COMPLAINTS

The Complaints Committee brought to the board the motion to approve the following recommendations:

- 2019HIS00005 – dismissal and closed
- 2020HIS00002 – dismissal and closed
- 2021HIS00001 – Chris Hunt to send letters to complainant and licensee for more information.

Greg Thompson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

APPLICATIONS

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

- 2 Apprentice Application - approvals for permits
- 1 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
- 2 CEU Application - approvals

Lisa Nelson Brown seconded the motion, and the motion carried

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL & PER DIEM

Lisa Nelson Brown motioned to approve travel and per diem expenses. William Blakeman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting is scheduled for June 10th at 9am, with the state board exam at 1pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Travis Corder motioned to adjourn. William Brown second the motion, and the motion carried. Travis Corder adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am



Travis Corder, Chair