

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 12, 2021
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

Ryan Broyles
Faron Blakeman
William Brown
Greg Thompson
Allison Cummins-Caruso
David Kimbel

DPL STAFF

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Arun Gadre
Lisa Nelson Brown

OTHERS

Leah Boggs, DPL General Counsel
Chris Hunt, Board Counsel
Abigail Sweeney, Audiologist

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Blakeman called the meeting to order at 09:03am

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the June 10, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Brown motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Kimbel seconded the motion and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial reports for June 2021 and July 2021 were reviewed.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Winstead advised that DPL staff has returned to the office on a hybrid schedule. He also advised masks are now required inside all executive branch buildings and offices.

Ms. Nation advised that Ms. Kline, Board Administrator had resigned her position last month and that DPL is in the process of hiring a replacement. She advised Ms. Bradford would be Administrator until that time.

BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Hunt advised he is leaving the Office of Legal Services effective August 15. He advised he enjoyed working with the Board and would wrap up anything outstanding before his departure. Ms. Boggs advised she will be covering the Board in the interim until someone can be hired.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Brown advised the Inactive Status Committee would meet later today. Mr. Thompson said he hopes to have a presentation ready for the Board by December.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Blakeman introduced Dr. Abigail Sweeney, AuD who requested to speak before the Board on the requirements for Audiologist to be dually licensed as Hearing Instrument Specialists. After speaking, Mr. Blakeman advised the Board would take into consideration her remarks.

Mr. Blakeman advised Mr. Corder had resigned his position on the Board effective July 30. He opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair. Mr. Thompson nominated Mr. Kimbel. Ms. Cummins-Carusio seconded this motion and it carried unanimously.

COMPLAINTS

The Complaints Committee brought to the board updates on the following complaints:

- 2021HIS00001 – The Complaints Committee made a motion to dismiss. Ms. Cummins-Carusio seconded this motion and it carried
- 2021HIS00002- Ongoing

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
- 6 Individual Application - approvals to be registered for the ILE and also sit for the state board exam
- 1 CEU Application - approvals

Greg Thompson seconded the motion, and the motion carried

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL & PER DIEM

Mr. Broyles motioned to approve travel and per diem expenses. Mr. Kimbel seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting is scheduled for October 14 at 9am, with the state board exam at 1pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Blakeman motioned to adjourn. Mr. Kimbel second the motion, and the motion carried. Mr. Blakeman adjourned the meeting at 10:05 am

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'D. Kimbel', written in a cursive style.

David Kimbel, Chair