

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 23rd, 2020
1:30 p.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
Ryan Broyles
Allison Cummins-Caruso
David Kimbel

DPL STAFF

Dr. Michael Newman, Commissioner
Christie Kline, Board Administrator

OTHERS

Chris Hunt, Board Counsel, Office of Legal Services

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Arun Gadre
Lisa Nelson Brown

CALL TO ORDER

Travis Corder called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

SWEARING-IN

David Kimbel was sworn in as a new board member by notary Tasha Stewart.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the July 31st, 2020 meeting were reviewed. William Brown motioned to approve the minutes. Faron Blakeman seconded the motion and it carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report for July 2020, August 2020, and September 2020 were reviewed.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Michael Newman welcomed newly sworn in board member David Kimbel and requested new board member training information be sent to him.

BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT

Chris Hunt, board counsel, brought to the board that there were no update to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Travis Corder tabled discussion of the incorrect mailing address listed in KRS 334.303.

Greg Thompson reported to the Board that there have been no updates on Over the Counter sales at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed exam requirements in the regulations.

Christie Kline brought to the board two refund issues for discussion. The Board requested Christie Kline proceed with one refund. The Board tabled discussion of a second refund.

The Board reviewed issuances of licensure to two licenses. Greg Thompson motioned to rescind two licenses pending fulfillment of state board exam requirements. Ryan Broyles seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The Board requested Chris Hunt send letters to the licensees.

The Board discussed a request to add a state board exam to the exam schedule this year. The Board made no changes to the state board exam schedule. The Board requested Christie Kline send a letter to apprentice.

The Board discussed the time duration of the written sections of the state board exam.

Christie Kline brought to the board meeting dates and state board exam dates for calendar year 2021 for discussion. Greg Thompson motioned to approve the 2021 board meeting and state board exam schedule. Travis Corder seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The Board requested Christie Kline reserve meeting rooms for the year 2021 board meetings and exams.

Chris Hunt brought to the board cerumen management for discussion. The Board requested Chris Hunt research this issue and bring new information to the next meeting for discussion. The Board requested Greg Thompson obtain documentation and bring new information to the next meeting for discussion.

Travis Corder brought to the board the applications review process for discussion. Faron Blakeman, Ryan Broyles, and Greg Thompson volunteered to form the Applications Committee, which will review applications upon submission rather than at board meetings only.

COMPLAINTS

Greg Thompson motioned that the Board approve Complaint Committee recommendations on all complaints. David Kimbel seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

2019HIS00005 – open complaint. The Board requested Chris Hunt send correspondence to licensee.

2020HIS00002 – open complaint. The Board requested Chris Hunt draft and agreed order, as well as a letter to complainant and licensee

2020HIS00003 – already dismissed complaint. The Board requested that Chris Hunt send letter to complainant.

APPLICATIONS

Four apprentice applications were reviewed for approval for permit, and five individual licensure applications were reviewed for approval to sit for the state board exam. Greg Thompson motioned to approve the apprentice applications for permit, and the individual licensure applications to sit for the state board exam. Ryan Broyles seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed a request regarding a renewal/reinstatement application. The board requested that Chris Hunt send a letter to the applicant.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL & PER DIEM

William Brown motioned to approve per diem expenses. Ryan Broyles seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting is scheduled for December 11th, 2020 at 9am, with the state board exam scheduled at 1pm. The Board requested Christie Kline follow-up on whether an in-person board meeting is possible.

ADJOURNMENT

Travis Corder motioned to adjourn. Ryan Broyles second the motion, and the motion carried. Travis Corder adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.



Travis Corder, Chair