

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2023
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
Teresa Somody
Lisa Nelson Brown
Steven Clark
Allison Cummins-Carusio
David Kimbel
Charles Chapman

DPL STAFF

Jamar Carter, Administrative Section Supervisor
Megan Bradford, Board Administrator
Courtney Cook, Fiscal Section Supervisor
Kristen Lawson, DPL Commissioner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Arun Gadre
Anthony Milliano

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 December 12, 2022, meeting was reviewed. Mr. Clark motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial reports for December 2022 and January 2023 were reviewed.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Lawson reminded members that everyone should have they're @ky.gov emails set up and they are having any issues to reach out to the COT Help Desk.

BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

The Board reviewed 201 KAR 7:075. After discussion Ms. Cummins-Carusio made a motion to accept the recommended change to add the option to attend a course in person or virtually. Mr. Brown seconded, and the motion carried. Mr. Patrick will work on drafting. Ms. Bradford also provided a list of current regulations the

Board should also consider updating based on frequent questions she receives from the public and from attempting to train a new Administrator. Ms. Bradford will send to Mr. Clark and Mr. Patrick.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Bradford presented email questions for review. She will respond accordingly.

Ms. Bradford advised she had reformatted the Boards written exams to make them all the same font and made corresponding answer keys instead of writing on the actual exam. After review Mr. Clark made a motion to update the answer to question 11 on the Law and Regulation written exam based on the fact Audiologists are no longer required to be licensed with the Board. Ms. Cummins-Carusio seconded the motion and it carried.

Chairman Kimbel advised he had received a comment that the legal tab of the Boards website is not up to date. Ms. Bradford advised those links are directly from LRC's website, but she will review and have updated.

Chairman Kimbel also advised the board should consider issuing a statement on the FDA updates removing the required medical waiver. He provided samples of what other states have done. Mr. Patrick will review.

Mr. Clark opened the floor for nominations and a vote for the 2023 Chair and Secretary. After discussion he made a motion for Mr. Kimbel to remain chair and Ms. Nelson Brown Secretary. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and it carried.

COMPLAINTS

There are no complaints at this time.

APPLICATIONS

Mr. Brown motioned the Board recess at 9:56 AM to allow the applications committee to convene. Ms. Somody seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Brown motioned the recess end at 10:06 AM. Ms. Somody seconded the motion and it carried.

The Applications Committee made a motion to deny an application based on the inability to confirm good moral character of an applicant. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and it carried.

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

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

Ms. Cummins-Carusio made a motion to accept the approvals. Ms. Nelson Brown seconded the motion and it carried.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL & PER DIEM

Ms. Cummins-Carusio 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 13, 2023, at 9am, with the state board exam at 1pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 am. Ms. Cummins-Carusio seconded the motion and it carried.

David Kimbel, Chair