

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 08, 2024  
10:30 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**

Teresa Somody  
Lisa Nelson Brown  
Anthony Milliano  
David Kimbel  
Allison Cummins-Carusio  
Steven Clark

**DPL STAFF**

Jamar Carter, Executive Staff Advisor  
Chelsey Moye, Board Administrator  
Jenna Wells, Fiscal Section Administrator  
Kristen Lawson, DPL Commissioner

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Arun Gadre  
Larry Brown  
Charles Chapman

**OTHERS**

Clay Patrick, Office of Legal Services

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Kimbel called the meeting to order at 10:31am.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The board minutes from February 08, 2024, meetings were reviewed. Mr. Milliano motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Clark seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial reports for December 2023 and January 2024 were reviewed.

**DPL REPORT**

Commissioner Lawson mentioned that our department was switching over from using Zoom to Microsoft Teams. Commissioner Lawson mentioned that our staff was working and getting use to the new change and to bear with everyone as it is new to us as it is to the board members.

**BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT**

There was no update at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Milliano proposed to the board to consider emitting the written portions of the state exams for earmold and audiometry since those are tested within the ILE exam. Mr. Patrick stated that since it was only a regulation in KAR 334:070 states only needing to pass one examination for the board could accept the offer from Mt. Milliano. The board can adopt the ILE exam as it already demonstrates the licensees ability to show the skills and knowledge within earmold and audiology that there was no need for our state exams to include the written portions as well. A resolution motion will need to be passed in order for Mr. Patrick to draft the regulation to include this change. Ms. Nelson-Brown motioned to approve the regulation resolution to the acceptance of allowing the written earmold and audiology be omitted as a requirement and accept ILE passing score. Seconded by Ms. Somody, motion carried. Mr. Patrick will draft the resolution for KAR 334:070.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Milliano motioned to keep Mr. Kimble as board chair, Ms. Nelson-Brown as Secretary and Mr. Clark as vice chair for the board for the year of 2024. Seconded by Ms. Somody, motioned carried.

Board Administrator presented that the American Board of Audiology President was unable to attend today's meeting. She wanted to present to the board that we accept their credential; however, when speaking with other states, the American Board of Audiology, found out that states did not accept their credential due to not requiring a national exam. Ms. Samuelson stated she would contact the board at a later date to inquire about accepting their credentials.

## **COMPLAINTS**

The complaints committee reviewed 2023HIS00004. The committee motions to dismiss the complaint, send a letter to the licensee to appropriately display their license as required by KAR 334.020, send a letter to complainant that the complaint is dismissed as the individual was licensed in the state of Ky. Seconded by Ms. Allison-Cummins-Caruso, motioned carried. Board Administrator will draft the dismissal letters and the letter including to properly display license according to KAR 334.020.

## **APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Milliano moves, and Mr. Clark seconds entering into a closed session at 10:58a.m. pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(j) for deliberations of quasi-judicial bodies regarding pending litigation and applications.

Ms. Allison Cummins-Caruso moves and Ms. Somody seconds to return to open session and the motion carried.

Board chair, Mr. Kimbel, announces time returned to open session at 11:04a.m.

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

- 5 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
- 5 Renewal Application – approvals for licensed to be renewed
- 0 CEU Application –
- 0 Supervisor Change-

Mr. Clark made a motion to accept the approvals. Mr. Milliano seconded the motion and it carried.

## **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL & PER DIEM**

Ms. Nelson-Brown motioned to approve per diem expenses for today's meeting. Ms. Cummins-Caruso seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2024, at 10:30am, with the state board exam at 1pm. Complaints committee will meet at 10:00am.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:11am. Ms. Somody seconded the motion and it carried.

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**David Kimbel, Chair**