

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2022  
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  
Lisa Nelson Brown  
Greg Thompson  
Allison Cummins-Caruso  
David Kimbel

**DPL STAFF**

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

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Larry Brown  
Arun Gadre

**OTHERS**

Clay Patrick, Office of Legal Services

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Kimbel called the meeting to order at 09:01 am.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the December 9, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Thompson motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Nelson Brown seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial reports for December 2021 and January 2022 were reviewed.

**DPL REPORT**

Clay Patrick, General Counsel for the Department of Professional Licensing. He also introduced Lori Seay as the Boards new full time Administrator.

Commissioner Winstead advised that the General Assembly had extended the COVID state of emergency, which is now set to expire April 14 and the department has moved renewal dates out accordingly.

He also spoke about HB 95, which has moved out of the House Committee and been assigned to Senate Committee. He advised he would keep the Board up to date if the bill should pass.

## **BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT**

Mr. Patrick advised he had no report at this time, but stated he was glad to be working with the Board and advised them to reach out if they had any questions

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Thompson advised he and Mr. Brown had been working on the Inactive Status Regulation. Mr. Brown was absent from today's meeting, so no further update was given.

The Board reviewed a markup of 201 KAR 7:040 Examinations. After discussion, Commissioner Winstead will make the final draft.

Mr. Blakeman advised he had been working with Ms. Vick, DPL Fiscal Section Supervisor and Commissioner Winstead in drafting language and a grading scale for an RPF the Board plans to post for a new Attorney. Mr. Blakeman provided details of his current draft of the grading scale. After discussion, Chairman Kimbel suggested forming an RPF committee and appointed Mr. Blakeman, Ms. Cummins-Carusio and himself. Mr. Thompson made a motion to allow the RPF committee to make changes to the draft on the board's behalf. Ms. Nelson Brown seconded the motion and it carried. Mr. Broyles made a motion to allow Faron to send the final draft of the necessary documents to Ms. Vick. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion and the motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board reviewed individual requests for extension to allow more time to complete continuing education for this renewal period. Ms. Nelson Brown detailed the repetitive issues she has seen with reviewing renewals due to the possible lack of clarity of a memo issued May 21, 2021. After discussion, Ms. Nelson Brown made a motion to accept any continuing education submitted this renewal period and issue a very clear memo outlining requirements for 2023. Mr. Blakeman seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Ms. Bradford advised that two Audiologist whose license renewals were marked incomplete have requested refunds of the \$200 fee, stating they no longer want the license. After review of the Boards regulations, application fees are non-refundable.

## **COMPLAINTS**

There are no open complaints at this time.

## **APPLICATIONS**

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

Ms. Cummins-Carusio seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TRAVEL & PER DIEM**

Ms. Cummins-Carusio motioned to approve travel and per diem expenses. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2022 at 9am, with the state board exam at 1pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Thompson motioned to adjourn. Ms. Cummins-Carusio second the motion, and the motion carried. Chairman Kimbel adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am.



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**David Kimbel, Chair**