

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 14, 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-Carusio  
David Kimbel  
Lisa Nelson Brown

**DPL STAFF**

Kevin Winstead, Acting Commissioner  
Megan Bradford, Board Administrator

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Arun Gadre

**OTHERS**

Leah Boggs, DPL General Counsel

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the August 12, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Thompson motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial reports for August 2021 and September 2021 were reviewed.

**DPL REPORT**

Commissioner Winstead advised House Joint Resolution 1 was passed during a recent special legislative session extending the declared state of emergency to January 15, 2022. He advised since the state of emergency is still in effect, SB150 is still active and licensure expiration dates were moved to January 15, 2022.

## **BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT**

Ms. Boggs presented a markup of 201 KAR 7:040 Examinations. After discussion, Ms. Boggs will make corrections and present a updated copy at the next meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Brown advised the Inactive Status Committee would meet later today and they will have a presentation for the Board at the December meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Bradford presented potential meeting dates for 2022. She advised she kept with the same schedule of the second Thursday of every other month with exam, excluding an October exam. After discussion Ms. Cummins –Caruso motioned to move meetings and exam days to Monday as follows: February 21, April 11, June 13, August 8, October 10 and December 12 all with exams. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion and it carried.

Ms. Boggs questioned if the Board would be opposed to Ms. Bradford hosting a written only exam date in the opposite months of the full exam. She advised this would only be for those who have sat for the full exam and failed the written portion only. After discussion Ms. Cummins –Caruso motioned to allow the Board Administrator to hold written only exam dates for those who have sat for the full exam and failed the written only portion on the following days: January 10, March 14, May 9, July 11, September 12 and November 14. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and it carried.

Chairman Kimbel advised that with the departure of Mr. Hunt, the Board would like to explore the possibility of hiring its own Attorney outside of the Office of Legal Services. Ms. Boggs advised this is a right of the Board if they would like to do so but provided a list of benefits for staying with the Office of Legal Services. Chairman Kimbel advised this is in no way a reflection of Ms. Boggs but more of the Boards need for consistency. Chairman Kimbel appointed Mr. Blakeman, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Brown and himself to a committee to review logistical and fiscal impacts of both staying with the Office of Legal Services and hiring an outside Attorney.

## **COMPLAINTS**

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

- 2021HIS00002- The Complaints Committee made a motion to dismiss.
- 2021HIS00003- The Complaints Committee made a motion to dismiss.
- 2021HIS00004- The Complaints Committee made a motion to dismiss.

Mr. Broyles made a motion to accept the Complaints Committees recommendations. Ms. Cummins-Caruso seconded the motion and it carried.

## **APPLICATIONS**

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

- 6 Apprentice Application - approvals for permits
- 4 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

Mr. Thompson seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF TRAVEL & PER DIEM**

Ms. Nelson Brown motioned to approve travel and per diem expenses. Ms. Cummins-Caruso seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next board meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2021 at 9am, with the state board exam at 1pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Kimbel motioned to adjourn. Mr. Brown second the motion, and the motion carried. Chairman Kimbel adjourned the meeting at 10:45 am



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**David Kimbel, Chair**