

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 3, 2020
9:00 a.m.

A special 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
Michael Stone
Faron Blakeman
Greg Thompson
Ryan Broyles, Audiologist
William Brown
Lisa Nelson Brown
Allison Cummins-Caruso

DPL STAFF

Dr. Michael Newman, Commissioner
Meghan Norton, Board Administrator
Christie Kline, Board Administrator
Robin Vick, Fiscal Section Supervisor
Chessica Nation, Admin Section Supervisor

OTHERS

Kevin Winstead, Office of Legal Services

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Arun Gadre, Otolaryngology

CALL TO ORDER

Travis Corder called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the February 7 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Brown motioned to approve the minutes. William Brown seconded the motion and it carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial reports for February 2020 were reviewed.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Newman provided an update on the DPL report. Commissioner Newman presented the DPL MOA for review. Mr. Stone motioned to approve the DPL MOA. Mr. Broyles seconded the motion and it carried.

BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT

Kevin Winstead, Office of Legal Services, introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Winstead presented the Regulation Letters of Certification, which were previously filed with the Legislature. Mr. Winstead presented the DPL MOA for review. Mr. Stone motioned to approve the DPL MOA. Mr. Corder seconded the motion and it was carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Thompson provided an update on Over The Counter Sales, reporting that OTS are not yet finalized by the FDA.

The Board discussed the incorrect Board address as listed in Statute 334.303. The Board requested that Kevin Winstead, Office of Legal Counsel, research correction of the Board address via amendment to an existing regulation or creation of new regulation.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed COVID-19.

The Board decided to create a task force on infection control.

Mr. Stone motioned that any apprenticeship that commences during the State of Emergency shall be extended 90 days after the conclusion of the State of Emergency. Ms. Cummins-Carusio seconded the motion and it was carried.

The Board discussed Face-to-Face CE within the setting of the current State of Emergency. Mr. Stone motioned that Renewal applicants who received an extension to complete in-person CE hours will have six months after the conclusion of the current State of Emergency to complete the needed CE hours. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion and it was carried. At this time, the Board has decided to keep CE requirements for the 2021 Renewal as-is. The Board will reassess in-person CE requirements at the next meeting on June 12th.

COMPLAINTS

2019HIS00005 – open complaint. Mr. Stone motioned to have Kevin Winstead, Office of Legal Services, send a letter to Licensee. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and it was carried.

2020HIS00002 – open complaint. The Board tabled this complaint until the Board Meeting on June 12th.

APPLICATIONS

Mr. Blakeman motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Broyles, the following Apprentice applications: *James Gibson and Brandi Minton*, and the following Individual applications: *Christopher Gonzales, Matthew Schaffer*

An Apprentice application was reviewed for *Robert Castro*. Mr. Broyles requested clarification of an application document. Ms. Kline will reach out to the applicant for clarification.

Ms. Brown motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Stone, the following Renewal applications:
Lisa Mays

A Renewal application was reviewed for *Joyce Scott*. Ms. Brown requested additional application documentation. Ms. Kline will reach out to the applicant for documentation.

Ms. Brown motioned to approve, seconded by Mr. Stone, the following CE applications: *2020 National Beltone Meeting*.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL & PER DIEM

Mr. Brown motioned to approve per diem expenses. Mr. Thompson seconded the motion and it was carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 12, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department of Professional Licensing, 500 Mero Street, Frankfort KY 40601, with Exam at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Corder adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Travis Corder", is enclosed in a light gray rectangular box.

Travis Corder, Chair