

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2019  
1:30 p.m.

A regular board meeting of the Kentucky Licensing Board for Specialists in Hearing Instruments was held at the Department of Professional Licensing located at 500 Mero Street in Frankfort, KY.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Michael Stone  
Faron Blakeman  
Greg Thompson  
William Brown  
Travis Corder  
Lisa Nelson Brown  
Allison Cummins-Caruso  
Ryan Broyles

**DPL STAFF**

Isaac VanHoose, Commissioner  
Chesscia Nation, Administrative Section Supervisor  
Kaitlyn Hankins, Board Administrator  
Aubrey Vaughan  
Courtney Cook

**PPC STAFF**

Carson Kerr, Board Attorney

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Stone called the meeting to order at 1:36pm. Chessica Nation, Administrative Section Supervisor swore in William Brown and Allison Cummins-Caruso as new board members.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the October 2019 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Brown made a motion to approve the October minutes Mr. Corder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial reports for October and November were reviewed. No further action required

**DPL REPORT**

Commissioner VanHoose updated the committee about DPL's move to the new Mayo-Underwood building and informed the committee that there may be some changes within the department due to the election and the inauguration of the new Governor.

Administrative Section Supervisor Chessica Nation presented to the board the option paying Adecco to have old files scanned or utilize KDLA to store old files due to lack of space in the new Mayo-Underwood building. Mr. Thompson made a motion to spend \$10,000 to scan files, with the expectation of being updated on the progress being made to scan files, Ms. Cummins-Caruso seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

**BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Thompson informed the board that there was still no movement on the over the counter sales discussion.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

The board was presented with an email question from Meryl Gyger in regards to whether or not she would need to obtain a Kentucky HIS License to fit patients with BAHA or hybrid cochlear implant demo hearing aids for AzBio testing. The board determined that Ms. Gyger will need to obtain a Kentucky HIS License. Ms. Nelson made a motion to have the Board Administrator send a letter to Ms. Gyger informing her of the board's decision, Mr. Broyles seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously

The board decided to pass on the FARB Forum.

## **COMPLAINTS**

No open complaints to review at this time.

## **APPLICATIONS**

One apprentice application was reviewed. Mr. Corder made a motion to approve the apprentice application, Ms. Cummins-Carusio seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously

One CEU application was reviewed. Ms. Nelson made a motion to deny the CEU application, but grant the Licensee a six-month extension until 6-12-19 to obtain 5 CEU hours from the list of approved courses listed in 201 KAR 7:078 Section 3 of the Regulations, Mr. Blakeman seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously. Ms. Nelson also made a motion to have the Board Administrator send a letter to the Licensee to inform them of the board's decision, Mr. Blakeman seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Eleven individual license applications were reviewed. Ms. Nelson made a motion to approve the individual license applications, Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously

Three renewal applications were reviewed. Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the renewal applications, Mr. Corder seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

## **REGULATION UPDATE**

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

Mr. Broyles made a motion to approve travel and per diem expenses. Ms. Cummins-Carusio seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 7, 2020 at 1:30 PM at the Mayo-Underwood Building, Conference Room 127. If needed, committees will meet at 1:00 p.m., with the regular meeting of the Board beginning at 1:30 PM. The next exam is scheduled for Friday April 3, 2020 at 1:00PM at the Mayo-Underwood Building.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business before the Board, Mr. Stone motioned to have the meeting adjourned at 2:54PM, Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously

Minutes prepared by Kaitlyn Hankins  
December 13, 2019