

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 7, 2020
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

Dr. Michael Newman, Commissioner
Chesscia Nation, Administrative Section Supervisor
Kaitlyn Hankins, Board Administrator
Courtney Cook

PPC STAFF

Carson Kerr, Board Attorney
Kevin Winstead, General Counsel

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Arun Gadre

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Stone called the meeting to order at 1:43pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the December 2019 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Cummins-Caruso made a motion to approve the December 2019 minutes Mr. Corder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial reports for December 2019 and January 2020 were reviewed. No further action required

DPL REPORT

Administrative Section Supervisor Chessica Nation introduced the new DPL Commissioner Dr. Michael Newman and new General Counsel Mr. Kevin Winstead.

BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT

Board Attorney Carson Kerr informed the board of some expiring regulations and he will be sending out certification letters in regards to the expiring regulations. Mr. Kerr discussed HB 217 which outlines licensed KY Audiologists to be exempt from having to obtain an HIS license in order to dispense hearing aids; and HB 218 which would include KY in the compact state license portability.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

The board reviewed the email regarding Mr. Thomas Valashinas; the board would not like to take action at this time, but would like the documents to be scanned to Mr. Valashinas' file and a note to be made to review for 2021 renewal.

The board reviewed the CEU extension request from Mr. Andres Rincon. Mr. Blakeman made a motion to grant a six month extension until June 30, 2020, Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed the CEU extension request from Ms. Tiffany Brewer. Mr. Thompson made a motion to grant a six month extension until June 30, 2020, Mr. Blakeman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The board reviewed email inquiry from Ms. Alecia Manning. The board asked Carson Kerr to draft a letter to Ms. Manning because the board is unable to give recommendations and can only direct her towards laws and regulations.

Mr. Stone announced to the board that he would like to step down as Board Chair, and opened the floor to nominations. Mr. Thompson nominated Mr. Corder for Board Chair. Mr. Brown made a motion to have Mr. Corder become the new Board Chair, Ms. Nelson-Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Cummins-Caruso made a motion for Mr. Blakeman to continue to serve as Vice Chair, Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Cummins-Caruso made a motion for Ms. Nelson-Brown to continue to serve as Secretary, Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

COMPLAINTS

2019HIS00003 – dismissal no violation of law

2019HIS00004 – dismissal with caution (online advertising and medical waiver)

2019HIS00005 - open complaint and send response request

Mr. Broyles made a motion to dismiss with no violation of law 2019HIS00003, Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Ms. Cummins-Caruso made a motion to dismiss with caution 2019HIS00004, Mr. Broyles seconded the motion. Ms. Nelson-Brown and Mr. Corder recused themselves from the motion, the motion carried.

Ms. Nelson-Brown made a motion to open complaint 2019HIS00005 and send a response request, Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

APPLICATIONS

Three apprentice applications were reviewed. Mr. Corder made a motion to approve the apprentice application, Mr. Broyles seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously

Three CEU applications were reviewed and partially approved for 5 of the requested 10 hours. Ms. Nelson-Brown made a motion to approve the CEU applications, Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Five renewal applications were reviewed. Ms. Nelson-Brown made a motion to approve three renewal applications and defer two renewal applications, Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

REGULATION UPDATE

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL & PER DIEM

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

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 3, 2020 at the Mayo-Underwood Building, Conference Room 127. If needed, committees will meet at 8:30AM, with the regular meeting of the Board beginning at 9:00AM. 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 3:15PM, Mr. Thompson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously

Minutes prepared by Kaitlyn Hankins
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