

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 20, 2019  
1:30 PM

A regular board meeting of the Kentucky Licensing Board for Specialists in Hearing Instruments was held at the Department of Professional Licensing located at 911 Leawood Drive in Frankfort, KY.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Michael Stone  
Tobie Brown  
Faron Blakeman  
Lisa Nelson Brown  
Gregory Thompson

**DPL STAFF**

Isaac VanHoose, Commissioner  
Aubrey Vaughan, Board Administrator

**PPC STAFF**

Bryan Morrow

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Ryan Broyles  
Travis Corder  
Michael Hoagland  
Arun Gadre

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Stone called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the April 2019 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Nelson Brown made a motion to approve the April minutes. Ms. Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial reports for April and May were reviewed.

**DPL REPORT**

Commissioner VanHoose updated the Board on the move later this year to a new building. He also informed the board the Chessica Nation would be the new Administrative Section Supervisor.

**BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT**

The Board discussed giving the Board Attorney (Carson Kerr) power to file certification for any expiring regulations, which Mr. Morrow explained to them in Mr. Kerr's absence. Greg made a motion to approve giving Mr. Kerr this power. Mr. Blakeman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Thompson, via the Legislative Review Committee, updated the board on FDA's over-the-counter sales regulations. Mr. Thompson reported that FDA appears to be moving forward with the regulation, which could

be complete as early as the beginning of 2020. He also reported that FTC is involved on the consumer protection side.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Vaughan reported that IHS has provided a document regarding filing FTC and/or FDA complaints about hearing devices/marketing. IHS has permitted boards to use and customize this document as a tool in their own states. The Board found the document to be a useful tool and will personalize the document for the Board's website. Ms. Vaughan reported the annual IHS Convention will be September 19-21 in Nashville for any board members who are interested in attending. Finally, the Board reviewed an examination request to determine whether an examinee could legally sit for the exam. The Board found that the applicant was past the two-year window allowed by 201 KAR 7:040 and that the applicant would have to reapply for an apprenticeship to qualify for the examination in the future.

### **COMPLAINTS**

The Complaints Committee did not take any action on its pending complaint (2019HIS00001).

### **APPLICATIONS**

Seven apprentice permit applications, four individual license applications, and two continuing education applications were reviewed. Mr. Blakeman made a motion to approve all of the applications. Ms. Brown seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Ms. Nelson Brown made a motion to approve travel and per diem expenses. Mr. Thompson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 8, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. at the Board office. Committees will meet at 12:30 p.m., with the regular meeting of the Board beginning at 1:30 p.m. The next exams are scheduled for Friday, August 9, at 8:30 a.m. at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business before the Board, Mr. Stone adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Aubrey Vaughan  
July 3, 2019