

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 18, 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 911 Leawood Drive in Frankfort, KY.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Stone
Faron Blakeman
Travis Corder
Lisa Nelson Brown
Tobie Brown
Ryan Broyles
Greg Thompson

DPL STAFF

Isaac VanHoose, Commissioner
Aubrey Vaughan, Board Administrator
Courtney Cook

PPC STAFF

Carson Kerr, Board Attorney
Tony Cotto

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Arun Gadre
Allison Cummins-Caruso*

*Appointed, not yet sworn in

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Stone called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial reports for August and September were reviewed.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner VanHoose updated the Board that DPL will move to the Mayo-Underwood building on November 21. He explained how scheduling and parking will work, particularly as it affects HIS examinations. He recommended scheduling board meetings and exams as soon as possible.

BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Kerr gave an update on an interstate compact that will not affect the HIS scope of practice, but would allow member states to purchase the privilege to practice related professions (SLPA | AUD) in member states. The compact has been drafted but the bill has not been pre-filed. Ten states would be needed to launch the compact.

Mr. Kerr explained the positive impact the compact could have for military spouses. Mr. Kerr will send a draft to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Thompson, via the Legislative Review Committee, informed the Board there are no updates on the FDA over-the-counter sales discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board set the following meeting and exam dates for 2020. As always, these dates, times, and specific room numbers will be listed and updated on the Board's website:

- Friday, February 7, 2020: Board Meeting at Mayo-Underwood at 1:30 PM
- Friday, April 3, 2020: Board Meeting at Mayo-Underwood at 9:00 AM; Exam at 1:00 PM
- Friday June 12, 2020: Board Meeting at Mayo-Underwood at 9:00 AM; Exam at 1:00 PM
- Friday, August 7, 2020: Board Meeting at Mayo-Underwood at 9:00 AM; Exam at 1:00 PM
- Friday, October 23, 2020: Board Meeting at Mayo-Underwood at 1:30 PM
- Friday, December 11, 2020: Board Meeting at Mayo-Underwood at 9:00 AM; Exam at 1:00 PM

Note, the meeting scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2019, at 1:30 PM, will now take place at Mayo-Underwood (due to DPL's move) at the same date and time. The exam scheduled for Friday, December 13, 2019, at 8:30 AM, will remain at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

Mr. Stone discussed continued exam updates, including reviewing and updated audiometric practical exam to use beginning with the December exam. Mr. Broyles would also like to consider updating the Board's written exams.

Ms. Vaughan discussed whether the Board would delegate approval to the Board Administrator to allow the Administrator to scan apprentice applications to the Board between Board meetings for the Board to grant conditional approval to apprentice applicants to practice in Stage I prior to full Board approval at the next Board Meeting. Mr. Thompson made a motion to authorize conditional approval. Mr. Broyles seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Both Mr. Thompson and Mr. Broyles will review apprentice applications as they are submitted for conditional approval.

COMPLAINTS

The Complaint Committee made a motion to dismiss HIS Complaint 2019HIS0001 based on the facts of the case and a failure to prosecute; and HIS Complaint 2019HIS0002 based on an agreement and satisfaction of the complainant. Mr. Corder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

APPLICATIONS

One apprentice application was reviewed. Mr. Corder made a motion to approve the apprentice application. Mr. Broyles seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

REGULATION UPDATE

Mr. Kerr introduced Mr. Cotto to discuss regulatory updates and reform due to the Board's expiring regulations. The Board reviewed all expiring regulations for updates, reforms, greater efficiency, and other improvements. After the Board's thorough review of its regulations using the Esper system, Mr. Faron made a motion to give Mr. Kerr and Mr. Cotto authority to file the regulatory updates (subject to potential future amendment by the Board after review). Mr. Thompson seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL & PER DIEM

Ms. Nelson Brown 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 Thursday, December 12, 2019, 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, December 13, 2019, at 8:30 AM at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, Mr. Stone adjourned the meeting at 4:44 PM.

Minutes prepared by Aubrey Vaughan
October 21, 2019