

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2020
9:00 a.m.

A regular 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
William Brown
Lisa Nelson Brown
Allison Cummins-Caruso

DPL STAFF

Dr. Michael Newman, Commissioner
Chessica Nation, Admin Section Supervisor
Christie Kline, Board Administrator

OTHERS

Chris Hunt, Board Counsel, Office of Legal Services
Kevin Winstead, Office of Legal Services

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Arun Gadre
Ryan Broyles

CALL TO ORDER

Travis Corder called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the April 3rd, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Michael Stone motioned to approve the minutes. Greg Thompson seconded the motion and it carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial reports for April and May 2020 were reviewed.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Michael Newman informed the board that the Department of Professional Licensing Board building is still closed to the public at this time.

BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT

Kevin Winstead, Office of Legal Services, presented Chris Hunt to the board as the new board counsel. Chris Hunt introduced himself to the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

The Board discussed the incorrect mailing address listed in KRS 334.303. The Board requested that Chris Hunt and Kevin Winstead research ways this can be addressed, and present options to the Board at the next board meeting.

Greg Thompson reported to the Board that there have been no updates on Over the Counter sales at this time.

Chessica Nation brought forward to the Board that SB150 allows boards to make changes to administrative requirements. The Board tabled further discussion until the next board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed CE requirements. Greg Thompson motioned to waive all CE requirements for the 2020 calendar year only. Michael Stone seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The Board requested Travis Corder and Chris Hunt draft a memo to communicate this information to licensees.

The Board discussed a request that the deadline to submit documentation of calibration certification for renewal be extended in light of COVID-19 concerns. Michael Stone motioned to deny this request. Greg Thompson seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The Board requested that Christie Kline follow-up with the licensee.

The Board discussed the refund policy for application fees. The Board decided to make no changes and to leave the refund policy as-is.

The Board discussed exam protocols for the state exam within the setting of the State of Emergency and COVID-19. Travis Corder and Commissioner Michael Newman brought to the Board several options for exam protocols to consider. The Board decided that Travis Corder and Commissioner Michael Newman would develop the final proposal for exam protocol.

COMPLAINTS

2019HIS00005 – open complaint. Kevin Winstead reported that the letter the Board previously requested be sent to the licensee still needs to be sent. The Board requested the letter be sent to the licensee.

2020HIS00002 – open complaint. The Board requested a letter be sent to the licensee for additional information.

2020HIS00003 – open complaint. The Board requested a letter be sent to the licensee for additional information.

APPLICATIONS

Faron Blakeman motioned to approve, seconded by Michael Stone, the following Apprentice application:
Evgeniya Tsukanovich

Michael Stone motioned to provisionally approve, seconded by William Brown, the following Apprentice applications: *Sondra Moore, Dakota Bramel, and Natalie Martin*

Alison Cummins-Carusio motioned to deny, seconded by Michael Stone, the following Apprentice application:
John Frazier

Faron Blakeman motioned to approve, seconded by Michael Stone, the following Individual Applications to sit for the state exam: *Susan Musgrove, Hannah Dunsmoor*

Greg Thompson motioned to deny, seconded by William Brown, the following Reinstatement Application:
James Griffith

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL & PER DIEM

Lisa Nelson Brown motioned to approve per diem expenses. William Brown seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 7th, 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

Greg Thompson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Faron Blakeman second the motion, and the motion carried. Travis Corder adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.



Travis Corder, Chair