

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2021
9:00 a.m.

A board meeting of the Kentucky Licensing Board for Specialists in Hearing Instruments was hosted by the Department of Professional Licensing in Frankfort, KY.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Ryan Broyles
Faron Blakeman
Lisa Nelson Brown
Greg Thompson
Allison Cummins-Carusio
David Kimbel

DPL STAFF

Kevin Winstead, Commissioner
Megan Bradford, Board Administrator
Robin Vick, Fiscal Section Supervisor
Chessica Nation, Administrative Section Supervisor

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Arun Gadre
William Brown

OTHERS

Kyle Ruschell, Office of Legal Services

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kimbel called the meeting to order at 09:14 am

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the October 14, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Thompson motioned to approve the minutes. Ms. Nelson Brown seconded the motion and the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial reports for October 2021 and November 2021 were reviewed.

DPL REPORT

Commissioner Winstead advised at this time the state of emergency is scheduled to expire January 15, 2022. He advised this means SB150 is still active and licensure expiration dates were moved accordingly. He stated he would watch the upcoming legislative session closely for changes.

BOARD ATTORNEY REPORT

Mr. Ruschell introduced himself and advised he would be assisting the Board as Ms. Boggs had accepted a new position.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Thompson advised that the inactive status committee would wait until February to report its findings in the absence of Mr. Brown.

The Board reviewed changes made to 201 KAR 7:040 Examinations. After discussion, Mr. Winstead will make changes and provide an updated copy to the Board at its next meeting.

Mr. Blakeman presented information in regards to the Board hiring an attorney outside of the Office of Legal Services. After discussion and information presented by Ms. Vick on the RFP process, Mr. Thompson made a motion to move forward with the posting of the RFP. Ms. Cummins-Carusio seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board discussed various issues with continuing education submitted this renewal period. Ms. Nelson Brown advised many submissions include online courses taken by non-approved sponsors. Ms. Bradford also advised she has received questions about what a licensee should do if they are currently not practicing but do not want to let their license expire as they intend to return to the workforce. Ms. Nelson Brown made a motion to accept a notarized statement advising they are currently unable to provide a calibration certificate and would provide one as soon as they obtain employment. Mr. Blakeman seconded the motion and it carried.

Mr. Blakeman made a motion to continue accepting live online CE for the 2023 renewal period. Ms. Cummins-Carusio seconded the motion and it carried.

The Board reviewed sending a comment to the FDA regarding current legislation. Mr. Thompson motioned to allow him to draft a comment. Mr. Blakeman seconded the motion and it carried. Mr. Thompson will send draft to Ms. Bradford for individual distribution and approval.

Ms. Bradford provided a brief overview of information from the IHS Licensing Board Conference.

COMPLAINTS

The Complaints Committee brought to the board updates on the following complaints:

- 2021HIS00001- The Complaints Committee made a motion to dismiss.
- 2021HIS00002- The Complaints Committee made a motion to dismiss.

Ms. Cummins-Carusio made a motion to accept the Complaints Committees recommendations. Mr. Broyles seconded the motion and it carried.

APPLICATIONS

The Applications Committee brought to the board the motion to ratify the following approvals:

- 5 Apprentice Application - approvals for permits
- 1 Individual Application - approvals to sit for the state board exam
- 2 Individual Application - approvals to be registered for the ILE and also sit for the state board exam
- 0 CEU Application - approvals

Ms. Nelson Brown seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL & PER DIEM

Ms. Nelson Brown motioned to approve travel and per diem expenses. Mr. Blakeman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next board meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2022 at 9am, with the state board exam at 1pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Kimbel motioned to adjourn. Mr. Thompson second the motion, and the motion carried. Chairman Kimbel adjourned the meeting at 11:41 am



David Kimbel, Chair