

**KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**December 3, 2009
2:00 p.m.**

A regular Board meeting of the Kentucky Licensing Board for Specialists in Hearing Instruments was held at the Division of Occupations and Professions in Frankfort, Kentucky on December 3, 2009.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Clark
Charlie Robinette
Mike Stone
Brian Schreiner
Gerry Gordon-Brown
Lisa Brown

OCCUPATIONS & PROFESSIONS STAFF

Francis Short, Executive Director
David Garr, Deputy Executive Director
Carolyn Benedict, Board Administrator

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Greg Osetinsky, M.D
Dr. William Brown
Arthur Azar

Mark Brengelman – Assistant Attorney General
Outgoing Board Counsel

Angela Evans – Assistant Attorney General
Incoming Board Counsel

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Clark called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schreiner made a motion to approve the minutes, with amendments, from the August 6, 2009 Board meeting. Ms. Gordon-Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Following review of the financial statement Ms. Brown had a question with regard to this \$120 charge to Workman's Compensation. Ms. Ellis said this was something the Board had elected to do many years ago. Mr. Schreiner made a motion to accept the financial statement as submitted. Ms. Gordon-Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ms. Short presented the Board with a proposal to discontinue mailing the renewal applications to licensee's and send them postcards notifying them that it is time to renew and directing them to the website to print it. The Board agreed to discuss the matter after this renewal period. She also recommended no longer mailing wallet cards showing that the license had been renewed. This recommendation is based up on the fact that renewal cards do not reflect "real time" licensure status. That information may be obtained by going to the online license verification link on the website. A licensee can print the information showing the current status of their license. The Board agreed to discuss this matter at a later time as well.

The Office of Occupations has decided not to continue working with Kentucky Interactive on the database revisions. They plan to proceed with the database revisions through the Public Protection Cabinet. Estimated time for completion is approximately 10 months.

OLD BUSINESS

Exam revisions will continue. Mr. Clark appointed Ms. Brown, Mr. Schreiner, Mr. Robinette, Mr. Stone and himself to a committee to work on revising the Kentucky portions of the written exams.

Mr. Brengelman agreed to forward the regulation revision regarding continuing education to Ms. Evans. Mr. Brengelman has almost completed it. Ms. Evans will have the regulation in its final format for the Board meeting scheduled for February 5, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Clark presented the Board with a draft letter to go out with all license renewals. Following several suggested edits Ms. Benedict plans to have the renewals mailed by December 9, 2010.

Ms. Brown and Mr. Robinette agreed to come to the Board's office on January 29th to do a spot check of renewals. The purpose for this is to review sales contracts and delivery statements for accuracy and compliance.

COMPLAINTS

The following recommendations were made by the complaint committee.

09-001 – Dismissed
09-007 – Charges pending
09-010 – Dismissed
09-011A – Committee recommended the Board to file a Notice of Hearing and formal charges
09-011B – Committee recommended the Board to file a Notice of Hearing and formal charges
09-012A – Committee recommended the Board to file a Notice of Hearing and formal charges
09-012B – Committee recommended the Board to file a Notice of Hearing and formal charges
09-014 – Dismissed
09-014A – Dismissed
09-015 – Dismissed
09-016 – Dismissed
09-017 – Dismissed
09-018 – Committee recommended the Board to file an Order to Response

Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Committee recommended the Board accept the Amendment to Settlement between the Board and Delbert F. Ault, Au.D. Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Steve Barlow, from Avada Audiology and Hearing Care sent a letter to the Board expressing his concerns with regard to mailing from Hear Here. Following a review of the letter and copy of the postcard mailer, Ms. Brown made a motion that Ms. Evans draft a letter on behalf of the Board informing Hear Here that KRS 331.375(2) prohibited the use of the titles "Doctor" or simply even "Dr." without compliance with the statute, namely, specifying with words or letters the degree actually held since the word "doctor" and the abbreviation "Dr." are generic. Ms. Gordon-Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Mr. Robinette made a motion that the following be approved:

Christine Williams – approved to sit for December 4, 2009 licensure exams
Stacey Spears – approved to sit for December 4, 2009 licensure exams
Katherine Robertson – approved to sit for December 4, 2009 licensure exams
Lindsey Ciletti – approved to sit for December 4, 2009 licensure exams

Robert D. Moore as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Robert Moore
Abby Mattingly as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Susan Kosky
Devan Haulk as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Mary Barry
Alan Mills as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Art Azar
Aaron Cossitt as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Glen Cossitt
William Cox as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Glen Cossitt

Samantha Lincoln – deferred approval of apprenticeship pending receipt of additional \$50 fee
Mark Gotcher – deferred approval of apprenticeship pending receipt of additional
James Shepherd – deferred approval to sit for exams pending additional information
Mark Gotcher – deferred approval of apprenticeship pending clarification of sponsor's work address

Brian S. Jolley – deferred approval of apprenticeship pending further investigation

Mr. Stone seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL & PER DIEM

Mr. Robinette made a motion to approve the travel and per diem. The motion was seconded by Ms. Brown. The motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

Next Board meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2010.. Complaint Committee will meet at 1:00 p.m. Board meeting will meet at 2:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, Mr. Stone made a motion that the meeting be adjourned at 4:10 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gordon-Brown. The motion carried.

Approved
February 5, 2010