

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2013  
1:30 p.m.

A regular Board meeting of the Kentucky Licensing Board for Specialists in Hearing Instruments was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions located at 911 Leawood Drive in Frankfort, KY.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Peter Pearlman  
Michael Hoagland  
Faron Blakeman  
Gerry Gordon-Brown  
Debra Drewry  
Lisa Nelson Brown  
Michael Stone

**OCCUPATIONS & PROFESSIONS STAFF**

Diana Jarboe, Board Administrator

**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Angela Evans, Board Attorney

**BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT**

Greg Osetinsky, M.D.  
Rebecca Hensley

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Hoagland called the meeting to order at 1:48 PM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the October 4, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Gordon-Brown made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Pearlman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

The financial reports for October and November were reviewed by the Board.

**OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS REPORT**

Mrs. Jarboe highlighted the current events of O&P including the new Executive Director, Gordon Slone, the announcement of the departure of Board Administrator, Karen Lockett, as well as continued progress of the database/on-line licensure renewal project, the availability of wireless internet at O&P, the budget process, the request of advance arrangements for evening Board meetings, and an invitation to openly discuss office/Board issues or concerns in detail and directly with the Executive Director.. The Board discussed the meeting schedule for 2014 and will continue to meet on the same schedule as the year 2013. Meeting and exam dates will be posted on the Board's website.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Initial Licensure Fee Payment Deadline - Ms. Evans presented the drafted language of mandatory payment of licensure fee within 30 days of passing all portions of the state and the national exam. Mr. Pearlman motioned for Ms. Evans to file the drafted regulation and attach a letter regarding the apprentice renewal fee to be sent to current apprentices when finalized. Ms. Brown seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Electronic administration of the IHS exam – Beginning in 2014 the Board will no longer offer the written version of the IHS exam. The Board will allow IHS to administer the exam electronically and the Board will follow the procedures set forth by IHS for referring candidates who are eligible for testing. The Board will require each apprentice to have passed the IHS exam BEFORE participating in the state written or practical exams.

Board officer nominations –Mr. Stone was nominated as the Board Chairman and after Mr. Hoagland asked for additional nomination three times, there were no other nominations. Mr. Pearlman motioned to close nominations for Board

Chairman and all were in favor. Mr. Pearlman was nominated as the Board Vice Chairman and after Mr. Hoagland asked for additional nomination three times, there were no other nominations. Mr. Stone motioned to close nominations for Board Vice Chairman and all were in favor. Ms. Brown was nominated as the Board Secretary and after Mr. Hoagland asked for additional nomination three times, there were no other nominations. Mr. Pearlman motioned to close nominations for Board Secretary and all were in favor.

Ms. Drewry presented a plan for contacting all apprentices along with a scripted guideline for the encounter. The Board members divided the list of apprentices and agreed to begin making contacts in January 2014.

The Board received correspondence from IHS regarding the scoring recommendation of the IHS exam. The Board will continue to accept the IHS-recommended pass/fail exam scores.

### **COMPLAINTS**

The Complaints Committee was called to order at 12:35 p.m. to discuss the current complaint cases and adjourned at 1:15 p.m. The Complaints Committee made the following recommendations to the Board:

2013-01 –dismiss for lack of evidence  
2013-07 – dismiss for lack of evidence  
2013-08 - dismiss for lack of evidence

Mr. Pearlman motioned to accept the recommendations of the Complaints Committee, Ms. Brown seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Committee recommended accepting the agreed order for agency complaint case 2012-12, court case 12-KBHI-0410. Mr. Pearlman motioned to accept the agreed order, Ms. Gordon-Brown seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **APPLICATIONS**

The Applications Committee recommended the following:

- Joelle Beisel – Approved as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Charles Chapman
- David Riney – Approved as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Greg Thompson
- Jennifer Arndt – Approved to sit for exams 12/13/13
- Thomas Rizzo – Approved as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Thomas Valashinas
- Alex Rosas – Approved as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Charles Chapman
- Joan Allen - Approved as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Mary M. Barry

Mr. Blakeman motioned to accept the recommendations of the Application Committee, Mr. Stone seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

The education committee did not receive any applications for continuing education for review.

### **APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND PER DIEM**

Mr. Pearlman made a motion to approve the travel and per diem. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stone and the motion carried.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Mr. Hoagland reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday February 7, 2014. The complaint committee will meet at 12:30 p.m. with the regular meeting of the Board beginning at 1:30p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business before the Board, Mr. Blakeman made a motion that the meeting would be adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pearlman and carried.

Minutes Prepared by  
Diana Jarboe, Board Administrator  
December 27, 2013