



Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers and Audiologists

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DRAFT-OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR January 10, 2022 Teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Decker, President
Dan Smith, Secretary/Treasurer
Norman Sorensen, Member
Clint Hinker, Member
Julie Paluch, Lay Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Carol Tellinghuisen, Executive Secretary
Brooke Tellinghuisen Geddes, Executive Assistant
Abby Rehorst, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: President Decker called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. MST. Decker welcomed Paluch to the Board as the new lay member. Paluch introduced herself and detailed her background as a sign language interpreter and her additional work with the hearing impaired in South Dakota. The Board introduced themselves to Paluch and thanked her for joining the Board.

ROLL CALL: Decker asked Tellinghuisen Geddes to call the roll. Decker, yes; Smith, yes; Sorensen, yes; Hinker, yes; Paluch, yes. A quorum was present.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Sorensen made a motion to approve the agenda. Paluch seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Decker called for public comment. There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JULY 19, 2021 AND AUGUST 30, 2021: Decker made a motion to approve the minutes from July 19, 2021 and August 30, 2021 as written. Hinker seconded the motion. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

FY FINANCIAL UPDATE: Tellinghuisen Geddes reported the most recent year-to-date financials as of November 30, 2021 as: expenses of \$12,567.01; revenue of \$7,540.13; and a

cash center balance of \$99,170.42.

UPDATE ON THE ONLINE RENEWAL SYSTEM: Tellinghuisen Geddes stated that the contract is now in place with the Department of Health and the board office is having weekly meetings with Albertson Consulting to set up the new database. The online renewal system will be active for this summer's renewal period.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Sorensen made the motion to re-elect the existing board officers with Decker as President and Smith as Secretary/Treasurer. Paluch seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote with Decker and Smith abstaining.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES/UPDATE ON SDCL 36-24: Decker informed the Board that the proposed revisions would not be moving forward during this legislative session. Decker stated that he would like to discuss certain proposed revision language to prepare to put forth a bill for next year's legislative session. The Board agreed. There were no other legislative updates.

OVER THE COUNTER HEARING AIDS: Decker stated that the 2017 Federal Hearing Aid Act is moving forward now that the delay from COVID is over. This federal legislation will make over-the-counter hearing aids available to the general public. Licensure will not be required for dispensing of these types of hearing aids. Borchert stated that the department of Consumer Protection would most likely become involved in a complaint situation as the licensure board would not have authority.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next teleconference meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. MDT / 12:00 p.m. MDT.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SDCL 1-25-2: The Board did not enter executive session as there are no pending complaints.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CONTRACT RENEWAL: Decker made a motion to approve the executive secretary contract renewal with a cost-of-living increase if granted by the State. Hinker seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

DISCUSSION ON PRACTICUM SCHEDULING: The Board discussed, and it was decided that the Board office will work with Decker and Hinker to schedule the practicum as needed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS COMING IN BETWEEN DATE OF MAILING AND DATE OF MEETING: None.

Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. MST. Sorensen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Tellinghuisen
Executive Secretary

1-27-1.17. Draft minutes of public meeting to be available--Exceptions--Violation as misdemeanor. The unapproved, draft minutes of any public meeting held pursuant to § 1-25-1 that are required to be kept by law shall

be available for inspection by any person within ten business days after the meeting. However, this section does not apply if an audio or video recording of the meeting is available to the public on the governing body's website within five business days after the meeting. A violation of this section is a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, the provisions of this section do not apply to draft minutes of contested case proceedings held in accordance with the provisions of chapter 1-26.

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