



Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers and Audiologists

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DRAFT-OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR July 13, 2020 Teleconference

MEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Decker, President
Dan Smith, Secretary/Treasurer (joined at 12:14PM)
Kurt Reder, Member
Norman Sorensen, Member
Ann Oldenkamp, Lay Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Carol Tellinghuisen, Executive Secretary
Jill Lesselyoung, Executive Assistant
Brooke Tellinghuisen Geddes, Executive Assistant
Jennifer Schultz, SDSLHA
Agelia Kennedy, SDSLHA

President Decker called the meeting to order at 12:05PM CT.

ROLL CALL: Decker asked Lesselyoung to call the roll. Decker, yes; Reder, yes; Sorensen, yes; Oldenkamp, yes. A quorum was present.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Reder made a motion to approve the agenda. Sorensen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote. Decker, yes; Reder, yes; Sorensen, yes; Oldenkamp, yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Decker called for public comment and advised time was set aside on the agenda for Schultz and Kennedy to update the Board on the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact. There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Reder made a motion to approve the minutes from January 13, 2020. Sorensen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote; Decker, yes; Reder, yes; Sorensen, yes; Oldenkamp, yes.

FY FINANCIAL UPDATE: Lesselyoung reported fiscal year to date figures as of May 31, 2020; revenue of \$18,420.94, expenses of \$24,826.34 and cash balance of \$87,526.66 and year-end figures as of June 30, 2020; revenue of \$28,820.94, expenses of \$24,826.34 and cash balance of \$97,926.66. Decker commented the Board is fiscally strong and a cash balance is necessary to fund legal counsel if needed on complaints/investigations. Decker made a motion to accept the financials. Reder seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote; Decker, yes; Reder, yes; Sorensen, yes; Oldenkamp, yes.

RENEWAL UPDATE: Lesselyoung advised 115 licensees had renewed and there were currently 19 non-renewals. The non-renewal notices were mailed on July 15.

DISTRIBUTION OF PPE-DECKER: Decker advised the DOH had shipped the PPE allocated to the Board to his address and he is contacting clinics/licensees via written correspondence. He will mail out the PPE upon request and anyone is welcome to pick up at his location.

EXECUTIVE ORDR 2020-25: Under the Executive Order, the examination requirements have been temporarily suspended for audiologists. Those receiving a license under the executive order shall submit proof of passing the examination to the Board by November 30, 2020.

DISCUSSION OF ONLINE HEARING AIDS/TELEPRACTICE/VA FEDERAL EMPLOYEE EXEMPTIONS: Decker advised the FDA is on schedule for the August deadline for implementation of the OTC Hearing Aids. Following the issuance of the rules, there will be a period for public comment. States may not establish any law, rule, or other requirement that would restrict or interfere with OTC Hearing Aids. Decker advised the Board needs to be aware that we may receive complaints and would like to have a standard response formulated to refer to Consumer Affairs if need be. Following discussion, it was decided to table until the next meeting. The Board's legal counsel had reviewed telepractice as it related to the Board and advised that licensees may utilize telepractice under SDCL Chapter 34-52. The question regarding VA Federal Employee Exemptions was tabled until the next meeting and consultation with legal counsel.

UPDATE ON AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE COMPACT: Schultz advised the compact has passed in 6 states, but 10 states must pass before it is implemented. Some states passed with the original language and some passed with amended language. She advised there are two question and answer meetings scheduled via zoom with Susan Adams, ASHA director State Legislative & Regulatory Affairs and Dan Logsdon, Director National Center for Interstate Compacts. All Board members are welcome to attend. She advised some legislative movement has slowed due to COVID. There are still some concerns on unknown costs at this point in time. Concerns were voiced regarding how complaints would be handled and whether there was a greater shortage of SLPs or Audiologists in the State. Schultz advised that States would share the cost of complaints. Decker thanked Schultz and Kennedy for attending the meeting and for presenting to the Board.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS COMING IN BETWEEN DATE OF MAILING AND DATE OF MEETING: There was no other business.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for January 11, 2021 via teleconference at 11:00MT/12:00CT.

Reder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:47PM CT. Sorensen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote, Decker, yes; Reder, yes; Smith, yes; Sorensen, yes; Oldenkamp, yes.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Smith
Secretary/Treasurer

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.