



# Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers and Audiologists

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## DRAFT-OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR July 19, 2021 Teleconference

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Todd Decker, President  
Clint Hinker, Member  
Norman Sorensen, Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Dan Smith, Secretary/Treasurer

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Carol Tellinghuisen, Executive Secretary  
Brooke Tellinghuisen Geddes, Executive Assistant  
Abby Rehorst, Executive Assistant  
Susan Sporrer, DOH Liaison  
Agelia Stout, SDSLHA  
Megan Borchert, DOH Board Attorney

President Decker called the meeting to order at 12:03PM CT

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

**CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Sorensen made a motion to approve the agenda. Hinker seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Decker called for public comment. There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Sorensen made a motion to approve the minutes from January 11, 2021. Decker seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

**FY FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Tellinghuisen Geddes reported year to date figures as of May 31, 2021; revenue of \$18,563.48, expenses of \$24,794.40 and cash balance of \$92,695.74.

**UPDATE ON ONLINE RENEWAL SYSTEM:** Tellinghuisen Geddes reported they are currently using the new system on two other Boards and the transition has been smooth. As soon as the last Board with the Department of Health votes to move forward with the new system, the Board office will begin the contract process with Albertson Consulting. The goal is to have the

new system up and running for the 2022 renewal period.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-05:** Tellinghuisen Geddes advised that the executive order that waived proof of the examination requirement for Audiologists to become licensed has been extended to August 31, 2021. There are no current licenses issues under this executive order for Audiologists. Decker expressed his gratitude to the Governor's office and staff for all of their hard work and dedication to fighting the pandemic and allowing for relaxed regulations to make sure the needs of South Dakota were met.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATES (LEGAL COUNSEL):** Borchert advised that HB 1127 changed the requirement to have a roll call vote during a teleconference. Motions may now be passed by voice vote with a roll call vote required only if a member votes in the negative. Borchert advised that HB 1014, an act to establish uniform complaint and declaratory ruling procedures for agencies regulating certain professions and occupations has become effective July 1, 2021. She will work closely with the Board office to make sure the Board is in compliance with the new bill on any future complaints.

**LEGAL COUNSEL TRANSITION UPDATE:** Borchert advised she has taken a position with the Attorney General's office and will be transitioning her role as legal counsel for the Board. Borchert advised she will do everything she can to ensure a smooth transition. The Board office expressed gratitude for all Borchert's hard work.

**VOTE ON REVISED SDCL 36-24:** The Board discussed the proposed changes to the practice act. Sorensen questioned if the scope of practice for Hearing Aid Dispensers was detailed enough. The Board office agreed to research surrounding states language and provide it to Sporrer for more draft language on the subject. Decker advised he would like more time to review the proposed compact before voting on the updated practice act as it would include adopting the compact. The Board agreed they would like more time to review the compact and will take a vote on both the revised SDCL 36-24 and compact language at the special meeting being held August 30, 2021. Sporrer reminded the Board the compact language may not be changed. The Board may only change proposed language to their practice act 36-24.

**UPDATE ON AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE COMPACT:** The Board was presented with the proposed compact language. The Board agreed to carefully review the language for the next meeting and come prepared to vote yes or no on the compact.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURUSANT TO SDCL 1-25-2:** The Board did not enter into executive session.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** There was no other business.

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** The Board scheduled the next special meeting to be held August 30, 2021 via teleconference at 11:00MT/12:00 CT.

Hinker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:51PM CT. Sorensen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

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.