



Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers and Audiologists

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DRAFT-OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR JANUARY 12, 2026 Video Conference

MEMBERS PRESENT: Norman Sorensen, President
Clint Hinker, Vice-President
Aggie Kennedy, Member
Kari Fieber, Member
Julie Paluch, Lay Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: Brooke Tellinghuisen Geddes, Executive Secretary
Katie Funke, Executive Assistant
Megan Borchert, Legal Counsel- Attorney General's Office

CALL TO ORDER: Sorensen called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. MST.

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

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Sorensen called for public comment. There were no members of the public in attendance

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

JULY 14, 2025: Kennedy made a motion to approve the minutes from July 14, 2025. Paluch seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

NOVEMBER 6, 2025: Hinker made a motion to approve the minutes from November 6, 2025. Fieber seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

FY FINANCIAL UPDATE: Tellinghuisen Geddes presented year-to-date financials as of November 30, 2025: revenue of \$9,460.78; expenses of \$18,776.69; and a cash center balance of \$113,784.00. Fiscal year-end figures were also reported, as of June 30, 2025: revenue of \$43,618.24; expenses of \$40,183.36 and a cash center balance of \$123,099.91.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF OPEN MEETING LAWS (SDCL 1-25-13): Borchert presented an overview of the guide to South Dakota's Open Meeting Laws, prepared by the Attorney General's Office as required by SDCL 1-25-13. There were no questions from the Board.

AUDIOLOGY & SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE COMPACT (ASLP-IC): Tellinghuisen Geddes advised the ASLP-IC compact is now operational and some states have begun issuing privileges. The board had questions on cost and implementation, and whether it would require consolidation with the SLP Board. Following discussion, the board agreed to continue watching the progression.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. MDT / 12:00 p.m. CDT via Microsoft Teams.

EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SDCL 1-25-2: The board did not have a need to enter executive session.

APPLICATION RATIFICATION:

Hinker made a motion to ratify the following application approvals between July 14, 2025, and January 8, 2026. Fieber seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Deaton, R.: Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued October 15, 2025;

Drilling, K.: Provisional Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued October 3, 2025;

Heiden, D.: Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued October 15, 2025;

Kornmann, D.: Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued October 15, 2025;

Kunz, A.: Audiologist license issued November 11, 2025;

Penner, A.: Audiologist license issued July 23, 2025;

Seuser, A.: Audiologist license issued October 15, 2025;

Simms, K.: Audiologist license issued August 29, 2025;

Tatman, T.: Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued October 7, 2025;

Weis, C.: Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued October 15, 2025.

COMPLAINTS/INVESTIGATION: The board office reported one pending complaint.

Additionally, the board discussed granting the investigative committee standing authority to dismiss complaints pursuant to SDCL 36-1C-4 and report to the Board. Kennedy made a motion

to allow the ingestive committee standing authority to dismiss complaints pursuant to SDCL 36-1C-4. Fieber seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CONTRACT RENEWAL: Hinker made a motion to renew the executive secretary contract with Professional Licensing for FY27 at the current rate. Paluch seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS COMING IN BETWEEN DATE OF MAILING AND DATE OF MEETING: Tellinghuisen Geddes reminded the Board that the next practicum testing for Provisional Hearing Aid Dispensers will be on May 8, 2026, in Sioux Falls.

Paluch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 a.m. MST. Kennedy seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brooke Tellinghuisen Geddes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brooke Tellinghuisen Geddes
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.