



Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers and Audiologists

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OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR JANUARY 13, 2025 Video Conference

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vacant, Member

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

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: 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; Paluch, yes; Hinker, yes. A quorum was present.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Hinker 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 was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM July 15, 2024: Paluch made a motion to approve the minutes from July 15, 2024. Hinker seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

FY FINANCIAL UPDATE: Tellinghuisen Geddes reported fiscal year-end financials as of June 30, 2024 as: expenses of \$38,351.21; revenue of \$44,965.23; and a cash center balance of \$119,465.03.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES UPDATE: The board discussed the administrative rules changes.

Borchert advised there was one small typo in ARSD 20:72:01:02, and the rule should read “ A licensee, other than a licensee initially licensed after the first day of the annual licensure period” not “after the first day or the annual licensure period”. Hinker moved to authorize the board to move forward with the rules promulgation process with the correction as discussed in ARSD 20:72:01:02. Paluch seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

BOARD MEMEBR APPOINTMENTS-UPDATE: Tellinghuisen Geddes provided an update on the new board member appointments.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS-CLARIFICATION: Tellinghuisen Geddes clarified that Hinker is the elected Vice-President, not Secretary/Treasurer.

PRACTICUM WAIVER POLICY: Hinker moved, pursuant to the licensure by endorsement statute, to waive the practicum exam for Hearing Aid Dispensing applicants who hold a current license to practice hearing aid dispensing in another state and have passed the board-approved national examination. Fieber seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 14, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. MDT / 12:00 p.m. CDT via Microsoft Teams. This meeting will also tentatively serve as the public rules hearing for the administrative rules promulgation process.

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

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CONTRACT RENEWAL: Hinker moved to renew the Executive Secretary contract with a cost-of-living increase consistent with the cost-of-living increase granted by the state and an additional \$1,000 in expenses. Paluch seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

APPLICATION RATIFICATION:

Fieber made a motion to ratify the following application approvals since July 15, 2024. Hinker seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Beard, D.: Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued August 29, 2024.

Cole, C.: Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued September 26, 2024.

Cruz, R.: Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued September 17, 2024.

DeSimone, J.: Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued July 29, 2024.

Heiden, D.: Provisional Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued November 1, 2024.

Mackey, T.: Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued October 30, 2024.

Martino, M.: Audiologist license issued November 19, 2024.

McManon, M.: Audiologist license issued September 11, 2024.

Moser, P.: Provisional Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued October 7, 2024.

Shaffer, M.: Audiologist license issued July 23, 2024.

VanderWeyst, K.: Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued August 22, 2024.

Ver Steeg, K.: Provisional Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued October 7, 2024.

Winkler, A.: Audiologist license issued September 3, 2024.

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

Fieber made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:36 a.m. MST. Paluch seconded the motion.
MOTION PASSED by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "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.