



Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers and Audiologists

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DRAFT-OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR AUGUST 10, 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
Emily Greco, Legal Counsel- Attorney General's Office

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

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: Hinker made a motion to approve the agenda. Kennedy 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 FROM JANUARY 12, 2026: Paluch made a motion to approve the minutes from January 12, 2026. Fieber seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

FY FINANCIAL UPDATE: Tellinghuisen Geddes presented fiscal year-end financials as of June 30, 2026: revenue of \$43,060.78; expenses of \$38,340.09 and a cash center balance of \$127,820.60. It was noted that these reports were from preliminary year-end financial reports. A second set was generated that may have included additional small deposits from the renewal period.

RENEWAL UPDATE: Tellinghuisen Geddes reported that four Audiologists and three Hearing Aid Dispensers did not renew their license during the most recent renewal period of June 30, 2026, expiration dates.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF OPEN MEETING LAWS (SDCL 1-25-13): Greco 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.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Sorensen recommended Kennedy as President and Hinker as Vice President. Paluch made a motion to accept Sorensen's recommendation. Fieber seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2027, at 11:00 a.m. MST / 12:00 p.m. CST via Microsoft Teams.

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

APPLICATION RATIFICATION:

Kennedy made a motion to ratify the following application approvals between January 8, 2026, and August 4, 2026. Fieber seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Abraham, B.: Audiologist license issued July 1, 2026;

Allison, A.: Audiologist license issued July 1, 2026;

Carda, D.: Audiologist license issued January 15, 2026;

Drilling, K.: Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued July 1, 2026;

Gavin, B.: Audiologist license issued February 12, 2026;

Gay, C.: Audiologist license issued July 1, 2026;

Haroldson, H.: Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued July 1, 2026;

Heinemann, T.: Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued May 27, 2026;

Inlay, R.: Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued April 29, 2026;

Johnson, K.: Audiologist license issued July 1, 2026;

Kim, B.: Audiologist license issued July 1, 2026;

Rago, R.: Provisional Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued February 20, 2026;

Sanden, D.: Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued March 26, 2026;

Sreenivasan Nair, A.: Audiologist license issued July 1, 2026;

Taylor, C.: Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued April 6, 2026.

COMPLAINTS/INVESTIGATION: Tellinghuisen Geddes provided a report of dismissed complaints by the investigative committee pursuant to SDCL 36-1C-4, that were reported individually to Board members on the following dates:

#147, dismissed January 26, 2026.

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 October 9, in Sioux Falls.

Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 a.m. MDT. Paluch seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



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.