



## Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers and Audiologists

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### DRAFT-OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR JULY 14, 2025 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  
Kelli Gabriel, Administrative 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. 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT PROPOSED RULES:** At 11:05 a.m. MDT, the public rules hearing was conducted by Sorensen. Borchert provided a report on the draft rules and recommendations from LRC. One written comment received on July 8, 2025, by the board office, was discussed. No changes were made in response to the written comment. Hinker made a motion to adopt the draft rules with LRC edits for form, style, clarity and legality. Fieber seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by roll call vote: Sorensen, yes; Fieber, yes; Kennedy, yes; Paluch, yes; Hinker, yes.

**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 was no public comment.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 13, 2025:** Paluch made a motion to approve the minutes from January 13, 2025. Fieber seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

**FY FINANCIAL UPDATE:** Tellinghuisen Geddes reported fiscal year-to-date financials as of May 31, 2025: expenses of \$38,463.08; revenue of \$28,818.24; and a cash center balance of \$110,020.19.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Paluch made a motion to keep the current slate of officers with Sorensen as President and Hinker as Vice-President. Fieber seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

**PROVISIONAL LICENSURE EXTENSION POLICY #2025-01:** The board discussed a policy to renew and/or extend provisional licenses pursuant to SDCL 36-24-24.2. Hinker made a motion to issue all provisional licenses for one year and only allow extension/renewals beyond one year for individuals who have passed the written ILE exam and are waiting to take their in-person practicum before the board. Kennedy seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

**IHS TESTING LIMIT POLICY #2025-02:** The board discussed a policy for limiting the number of times an individual may be approved to take the written International Licensing Exam administered by the International Hearing Society, which is the written exam required for all Hearing Aid Dispensers. Tellinghuisen Geddes advised that IHS has indicated they leave the testing limit policies up to each individual licensing board. Some states have testing limits, some do not. Following discussion, it was decided to allow unlimited testing attempts during an individual's one-year provisional licensure period. If they cannot pass the exam during that year, the board may approve **three** additional attempts within one year after the provisional license expires, but the individual must step away from practice once their provisional license is expired. Kennedy made a motion to allow unlimited testing attempts during the provisional licensure period and allow three additional attempts once a provisional license is expired within one year of the provisional license expiring. Hinker seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

**SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 12, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. MST / 12:00 p.m. CST via Microsoft Teams.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SDCL 1-25-2:** Kennedy made a motion to enter executive session at 11:44 a.m. MDT. Fieber seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote. The Board exited executive session at 11:59 a.m. MDT.

#### **APPLICATION RATIFICATION:**

Kennedy made a motion to ratify the following application approvals since January 15, 2025. Fieber seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

Bunnell, L.: Audiologist license issued May 28, 2025;

Cale Jr., R.: Audiologist license issued July 1, 2025;

Cleary, L.: Audiologist license issued April 17, 2025;

Deaton, R.: Provisional Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued April 25, 2025;

Emme, G.: Audiologist license issued June 18, 2025;

Feller, R.: Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued July 1, 2025;

Furler, M.: Provisional Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued February 6, 2025;

Hewitt, C.: Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued July 1, 2025;

Kornmann, J.: Provisional Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued April 24, 2025;

Lane, J.: Audiologist license issued July 8, 2025;

Schock, K.: Provisional Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued March 10, 2025;

Shi, J.: Audiologist license issued July 1, 2025;

Shirley, H.: Audiologist license issued April 29, 2025;

Weis, C.: Provisional Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued April 24, 2025;

Zens, M.: Provisional Hearing Aid Dispenser license issued March 11, 2025.

**COMPLAINTS/INVESTIGATION:** The board office reported five pending complaints.

**CEU QUESTION DISCUSSION:** Sorensen reported the board will not take action on continuing education changes at this time.

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

Hinker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:01 p.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.

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