



Board of Hearing Aid Dispensers and Audiologists

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DRAFT-OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES FOR July 15, 2024 Video Conference

MEMBERS PRESENT: Todd Decker, Member
Dan Smith, Member
Norman Sorensen, President
Clint Hinker, Vice-President

MEMBERS ABSENT: Julie Paluch, Lay Member

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

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS: Sorensen called the meeting to order at 11:06 a.m. MDT.

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

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Decker called for public comment. There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM January 8, 2024: Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from January 8, 2024. Hinker seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

FY FINANCIAL UPDATE: Tellinghuisen Geddes reported year-end financials as of May 31, 2024 as: expenses of \$37,409.66; revenue of \$30,665.23; and a cash center balance of \$106,106.58. She indicated that year-end financials have come in since materials were sent out and the board took in approximately \$6,600 more than it spent for FY24.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:

- a. HB 1029- Tellinghuisen Geddes advised that HB 1029 which updated the practice act for Hearing Aid Dispensers and Audiologists passed and was effective July 1, 2024.
- b. SB 57- Borchert made the Board aware of the passing of SB57 which is an act to create uniform procedures for consideration of criminal histories and convictions in professional or occupational licensure.
- c. Other Legislative Updates- Borchert also mentioned bills SB211, SB76, and HB1259.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES: Borchert advised the board that she has been working on updates to the administrative rules since statutes have been changed. She asked the board for input on two administrative rules that impact Hearing Aid Dispensers. The board agreed that striking the record retention requirement in ARSD 20:46:01:03 was appropriate and agreed with the re-wording of 20:46:01:04. She advised there will be a comprehensive draft for the board to review and approve at the January meeting, prior to the board office initiating the formal process.

BOARD MEMEBR APPOINTMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS: Tellinghuisen Geddes asked for recommendations to provide to the Department for the replacements of Decker and Smith in October. She indicated that has received two recommendations for Audiologists and one for a Hearing Aid Dispenser. Any further recommendations should provide a short biography that can be given to the Governor's office.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Decker made a motion to elect Sorensen as President. Hinker seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote. Decker made a motion to elect Hinker as Vice-President. Sorensen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

FUTURE PRACTICUM TESTING: The board discussed the future of practicum testing with Decker going off the board in October. Decker advised he will contact Sorensen directly to discuss administering the practicum exam to Hearing Aid Dispensers. The board office will be in touch with Decker, Sorensen and Hinker on the future administration of the exam as currently there are no applicants ready to take the exam.

APPLICATION RATIFICATION PROCESS: The board discussed an updated application approval and ratification process. The new process would include board staff approving applications that do not have issues and bringing the list of all issued applications for ratification at the next board meeting. Applications with issues would go to the board president with ratification at the next meeting or to the full board if needed. Decker made a motion to allow board staff to approve applications without issue with ratification at the next board meeting. Sorensen seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED** by unanimous voice vote.

RENEWAL UPDATE: Tellinghuisen Geddes advised that as of today, ten Audiology licenses expired on June 30th and eight Hearing Aid Dispensing licenses expired on June 30th.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 13, 2025, 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 enter executive session.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS COMING IN BETWEEN DATE OF MAILING AND DATE OF

MEETING: None.

Hinker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 a.m. MDT. Smith 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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