

TENNESSEE COUNCIL FOR LICENSING HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS

DATE: March 5, 2009
TIME: 9:00 a.m., CST
LOCATION: Poplar Room, Ground Floor
227 French Landing
Heritage Place – Metro Center
Nashville TN 37247

COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT: Craig Haltom, Chair
Jackie Miller, Secretary
Frederick Rayne, M.D.
David Levy, Ph.D.
James Alderman, Citizen Member

STAFF

PRESENT: Stacy Tarr, Council Administrator
Elizabeth Miller, HRB Director
Lexie Whittemore, Advisory Attorney
Barbara Maxwell, Administrative Director

Mr. Haltom, chair, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. All Board members were present.

Election of Officers

Dr. Levy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to re-elect Mr. Haltom as chair. The motion carried.

Dr. Rayne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to elect Dr. Levy as secretary. The motion carried.

Minutes

Upon review of the December 1, 2008 minutes, Dr. Levy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried.

Conflict of Interest

Ms. Whittemore reviewed the conflict of interest asking Council members to disclose any potential conflicts to determine if the council member should recuse himself and leave the meeting room.

Office of General Counsel Report

Ms. Whittemore stated that Lucy Bond, the Board's new advisory/litigating attorney is unable to attend today's meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

Ms. Whittemore said there are seven (7) pending cases in OGC and Ms. Stone can give you an update of the status in her report.

Investigative Report

Ms. Stone said one (1) complaint was closed with no action, one (1) with a letter of warning, two (2) sent to OGC and six (6) being investigated.

Disciplinary Report

Ms. Stone said she is currently monitoring two (2) practitioners and one (1) unlicensed person.

Financial Report

Ms. Tarr stated the Council has a negative carryover as of June 30, 2008 of -\$35,560.13.

Upon discussion of the financial report, the Council asked the administrative staff to research how much to increase the fees to eliminate the deficit for the next meeting.

Administrative Report

Ms. Tarr said there are currently one hundred twenty-two (122) actively licensed Hearing Instrument Specialists and eight (8) apprentices.

Discuss Updated the Written and Practicum Examination

Ms. Tarr said 39 states require applicants to take the HIS examination and she will provide the council with a full report for the next meeting.

Mr. Haltom said he and Dr. Dickinson, CDS Board member, discussed the simulator. Mr. Haltom said Dr. Dickinson offered to rent the council computers and programs for testing and asked that the discussion be tabled until the June 4, 2009 council meeting. Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Levy, to table the discussion until the next meeting. The motion carried.

Criminal Background Check

Ms. Tarr asked the Council to accept a name based criminal back check if an applicant has two illegible prints. Ms. Tarr said the council has not had illegible prints but wanted the council's approval should that arise. Mr. Levy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to accept the name based check after two illegible prints. The motion carried.

Newly Licensed

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rayne, to approve the following hearing aid dispensers for licensure:

Amber Beck
Sherry Begley
Charles Chapman
Jennifer Falconbury
Andre Hardy
Heather Jones
Randall Madden
James Sharpe
Robert Tidwell

The motion carried.

Application Review

Upon review of the hearing instrument specialist application for **Cassie Coward**, Dr. Levy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to deny Ms. Coward's application as the university she attended did not have a Tennessee approved accreditation. The motion carried.

Correspondence

Upon review of the letter from **Mark Kelly, hearing instrument specialists**, Mr. Levy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Miller, to accept Mr. Kelly's explanation for non-compliance of his continuing education hours for 2007. The motion carried.

Schedule 2010 Meeting Dates

Ms. Tarr asked the Council to change the June 4, 2009 council meeting date as the Board's new advisory attorney has conflicting meetings on that day. The council changed the meeting date to August 27, 2009.

The Council scheduled the following 2010 meeting dates:

March 18, 2010

Poplar Room
9:00 a.m.

June 10, 2010

Poplar Room
9:00 a.m.

September 16, 2010

Poplar Room

9:00 a.m.

December 2, 2010

Poplar Room

9:00 a.m.

With no other Council business to discuss, Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rayne, to adjourn at 10:12 a.m. The motion carried.

Ratified by the Council for Hearing Instrument Specialists at the April 1, 2010 board meeting.