

**COUNCIL FOR HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS  
MINUTES**

**Date: June 14, 2007**

**Time: 9:00a.m.**

**Location: Health Related Boards  
227 French Landing, Iris Room  
Heritage Place Metro Center  
Nashville, TN 37243**

**Members Present**

**Mr. Thomas A. Stewart, Chairman  
Mr. Jackie L. Miller, Secretary  
Mr. Craig Haltom, Council Member  
Mr. James D. Alderman, Citizen Member**

**Staff Absent**

**Dr. Robert E. Bowers, Physician**

**Staff Present**

**Ms. Bonnie Ferrell, Administrator  
Ms. Marva Swann, Unit Director  
Ms. Juanita Presley, Advisory Attorney  
Mr. Jerry Kosten, Rules Coordinator  
Ms. Juanita Stone, Disciplinary Coordinator  
Ms. Denise Moran, Director of Investigations**

**Visitors Present**

**Courtney Cross, Court Reporter**

**The Council Chair, Mr. Thomas Stewart determined that a sufficient number of Council members were in attendance to constitute a quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.**

**Conflict of Interest**

**Ms. Juanita Presley reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy with the Council members.**

**Travel**

**Ms. Presley reviewed the rules of travel regulations relevant to per diem expenses, reimbursement of such expenses, and submission of appropriate forms to the administrative staff to process.**

### **O.G.C. Report**

**Ms. Presley informed the Council of the following:**

**There were no contested cases scheduled for this meeting.**

**Advertising:** The Council presented some newspaper advertising for Hearing Aids and wanted to know if we had any jurisdiction over advertising. This advertising is misleading and deceptive but Ms. Presley did not know at this time if they are in violation of our advertising Rules and Laws. Ms. Ferrell will submit the advertising to Investigations and will follow up on this matter at a later date. Mr. Jackie Miller asked if Hearing Instrument Specialists that are not licensed fall under the Council and what the Council could do if anything. Ms. Presley stated she would review our Rules and Statutes. Mr. Craig Haltom asked Ms. Presley if she would inform the Council of her findings at the next meeting. Ms. Presley stated she would. Mr. Stewart wanted to know if persons not licensed or living in Tennessee but are doing business in Tennessee come under the Council's jurisdiction. Ms. Presley informed them that the advertising they presented would come under the jurisdiction of the Federal Trade and Business Commission. Federal law preempts and we need to follow that. They have a web site, but at this time we do not know their law about ordering on line.

### **Rules:**

**Mr. Jerry Kosten informed the Council that there were no new rules at this time.**

**Mr. Kosten asked if there was any new information on purchasing a simulator for giving the practical examination? The Council had nothing to report on the Simulator at this time; they needed more time to investigate the matter. Mr. Miller and Mr. Haltom were appointed as a ad hoc committee to investigate purchasing a simulator and to report their findings at the September 20, 2007 meeting.**

**There was a discussion regarding having a training permit for applicants prior to applying for their apprentice license or changing the rules by deleting the requirement for apprentice applicants to take the practical. All they would need to take is the jurisprudence and the written. The Apprentice License would be the training license. When they completed their training period they could apply for full licensure and take the practical at that time.**

### **Financial Report**

**The Council reviewed the financial report.**

### **Disciplinary Report**

Ms. Juanita Stone informed the Council that there were no new disciplinary actions to report at this time.

### **Investigative Report**

Ms. Denise Moran from Investigations informed the Council that there were no new penalties assessed since December 14, 2006. Mr. Stewart asked Ms. Ferrell to check on the civil penalties and report the findings at the next Council meeting.

### **Minutes**

After reviewing the March 7, 2007 minutes, Mr. Miller made the motion to accept the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Haltom and the motion carried.

### **Administrator's Report**

Ms. Ferrell reviewed the Administrator's Report with the Council. Ms. Ferrell reported that there were one hundred and ten active licensees (110), one hundred and twenty eight (128) retired licensees, two hundred and forty eight (248) licensees in failed to renew status, and three (3) new applications received since the March 8, 2007 meeting.

The Council recessed at 9:45am and the meeting was called back to order at 10:00am.

### **Examinations**

Mr. Miller made a motion to issue the following applicants a license due to passing the examination on December 14, 2006. Mr. Haltom seconded the motion and the motion carried.

1. Cole, Gary L. – Full Licensure
2. Falconbury, Thomas D. – Apprentice License

Mr. Miller made a motion to grant licensure to the following applicants that passed the examination on March 8, 2007. The motion was seconded by Mr. Haltom and the motion carried.

1. Ball, Mirinda R. – Apprentice
2. Dyke, Sandra R. – Full Licensure
3. Williams, Clayton A. – Apprentice
4. Dixon, Gary Sherman – Full Licensure
5. Bunette, Thomas H. – Full Licensure

**Mr. Miller made a motion to deny licensure to the following applicants that failed the examination on March 8, 2007. Mr. Haltom seconded the motion and the motion carried.**

- 1. Qureshi, Saima – Full Licensure**
- 2. Dyke, Sandra R. – Full Licensure**

**Election of Officers**

**Mr. Miller nominated Mr. Haltom for Council Chair and the motion was seconded by Mr. James Alderman. The motion carried.**

**Mr. Stewart made a motion for Mr. Miller to be the Council Secretary. Mr. Alderman seconded the motion and the motion carried**

**The Council adjourned the meeting at 10:45am to administer exams to the following applicants at 11:30 am:**

- 1. Glynn, Kimberly R. – Full Licensure**
- 2. Williams, Clayton A. - Apprentice**
- 3. Clonce, Eric N. – Full Licensure**
- 4. Dyke, Sandra R. – Full Licensure**
- 5. Pate, Mark E. – Apprentice**
- 6. Smith, William F. – Apprentice**

**These minutes were ratified at the September 20, 2007 Council meeting.**