

**BOARD FOR HEARING AID SPECIALISTS
MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Board for Hearing Aid Specialists met on Wednesday, May 30, 2012, at the Offices of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, Perimeter Center, Training Room 2, 2nd Floor, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23233. The following members were present:

Harry W. Kessler, Chair
Eric B. Hecker, PhD
Dr. Frederick Lassen
Arva B. Priola
Teresa Robinson Irwin

The following members were not present:

Olivia Little Kearney
Pamela Pugh

DPOR staff present for all or part of the meeting included:

Gordon N. Dixon, Director
Mark N. Courtney, Deputy Director for Licensing & Regulations
William H. Ferguson, II, Executive Director
Demetrios J. Melis, Board Administrator
Cathy Clark, Administrative Assistant
Sharon Sweet, Director of Education and Examinations

Representative from the Office of the Attorney General was present for the meeting.

Elizabeth B. Peay, Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Kessler, Chair, determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. **Call to Order**

Upon a motion by Ms. Irwin and seconded by Dr. Hecker, the Board voted to adopt the agenda as written. **Approval of Agenda**

The members voting 'yes' were Mr. Kessler, Dr. Hecker, Dr. Lassen, Ms. Priola, and Ms. Irwin. There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kessler asked if there was any public comment. There was no public comment. **Public Comment**

Mr. Dixon indicated that the minutes of the November 2, 2011 meeting **Approval of**

should be amended to reflect that he was not present. Upon a motion by Ms. Irwin and seconded by Dr. Hecker, the Board voted to approve the amended minutes of the November 2, 2011 Board for Hearing Aid Specialists Board Meeting.

Minutes:
November 2, 2011
Board for Hearing
Aid Specialists
Board Meeting;

The members voting 'yes' were Mr. Kessler, Dr. Hecker, Dr. Lassen, Ms. Priola, and Ms. Irwin. There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the proposed staff responses to the public comments received from the Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA) related to proposed amendments to the Hearing Aid Specialists Regulations. Upon a motion by Ms. Irwin and seconded by Dr. Lassen, the Board voted to accept the proposed staff responses.

Regulations

The members voting 'yes' were Mr. Kessler, Dr. Hecker, Dr. Lassen, Ms. Priola, and Ms. Irwin. There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the proposed amendments to the Regulations. Upon a motion by Ms. Irwin and seconded by Dr. Hecker, the Board voted to adopt the amended Regulations.

The members voting 'yes' were Mr. Kessler, Dr. Hecker, Dr. Lassen, Ms. Priola, and Ms. Irwin. There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Sweet presented information to the Board and fielded questions on the International Hearing Society (IHS) computer-based written examination. Ms. Irwin suggested that applicants should be required to pass the written exam before they can sit for the practical exam. It was noted that an exam fee adjustment must be approved before the new written exam can be implemented. Ms. Sweet noted that the fee language in the Regulations will need to be amended.

Examination

The Board reviewed Board Statistics for informational purposes.

Board Statistics

Other Board
Business

Mr. Kessler inquired about a brochure that had been developed by the Board previously. Staff will bring the brochure to the next board meeting for review.

Brochure

There being no further items for discussion, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Adjourn

Harry W. Kessler, Chair

Gordon N. Dixon, Secretary