

**BOARD FOR HEARING AID SPECIALISTS AND OPTICIANS
DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians met on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, at the Offices of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, Perimeter Center, Board Room 1, 2nd Floor, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23233. The following members were present:

Renee P. Allgood
Robert E. Flippin
Teresa Robinson Irwin
Harry W. Kessler
L. Frederick Lassen, MD
Arva B. Priola
Billie L. Taylor

The following members were not present:

William H. Bearden, III, MD
Eric B. Hecker, PhD
Olivia Little Kearney
Faye Prichard
Pamela Pugh

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

Gordon N. Dixon, Director
Mark N. Courtney, Senior Director/Regulatory and Public Affairs
Demetrios J. Melis, Executive Director
Adam Harrell, Licensing Operations Administrator
Cathy Clark, Administrative Assistant

No representative from the Office of the Attorney General was present for the meeting.

Mr. Flippin, Board Chair, determined a quorum was present and called **Call to Order** the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

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

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

Upon a motion by Ms. Irwin and seconded by Ms. Taylor, the Board **Approval of**

voted to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2012 Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians Meeting.

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

Mr. Flippin asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

Public Comment

Mr. Melis welcomed Ms. Michelle Nelms, Executive Director of the Opticians Association of Virginia, who was observing the meeting.

Welcome and
Introductions

Mr. Melis also introduced Mr. Adam Harrell, the new Licensing Operations Administrator for the Board for Barbers and Cosmetology and the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians.

Mr. Melis reviewed Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians licensing statistics.

Statistics

A March 15, 2013 memo from Examination Director, in response to various inquiries made by the Board at the December 14, 2012 meeting, was reviewed by the Board and is attached as an addendum to these minutes.

Old Business

Miscellaneous Exam-
related items

Mr. Melis reviewed Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians exam statistics.

Other Board
Business

Current Exam
Statistics

There being no further items for discussion, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Adjourn

Robert E. Flippin, Chair

Gordon N. Dixon, Secretary