

**BOARD FOR HEARING AID SPECIALISTS AND OPTICIANS  
HEARING AID SPECIALISTS EXAM REVIEW COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians, Hearing Aid Specialists Exam Review Committee met on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at the Offices of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 9960 Mayland Drive, 1<sup>st</sup> floor training room, Richmond, Virginia.

The following board members of the Hearing Aid Specialists Exam Review Committee were present:

Debra Ogilvie, AuD  
LeighAnna Morris, AuD  
Kennith Kirk, PhD

The following board members of the Hearing Aid Specialists Exam Review Committee were not present:

Michael Armstrong, MD

The following Hearing Aid Specialists Exam Proctors were present:

Elizabeth Rabin, AuD  
Janet Hiles Brett, AuD  
Margaret Cook, AuD  
Kevin McCurdy, AuD

The following DPOR staff present:

Kelley Smith, Executive Director  
Tamika Rodriguez, Regulatory Operations Administrator  
Heather Garnett, Administrative Coordinator  
Gregory Emerson, Exams Director  
Rhonda Starr, Examination Coordinator  
Deborah Ogram, Examination Specialist

A representative from the Office of the Attorney General was not present for the meeting.

Dr. Ogilvie, Board Vice Chair, called the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians, Hearing Aid Specialists Exam Review Committee meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Board members, Exam proctors, and DPOR staff introduced themselves.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

There was no public comment.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

Dr. Ogilvie opened New Business, Hearing Aid Specialists practical exam.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Smith led the discussion of Hearing Aid Specialists Regulations VAC 80-20-30 and VAC 80-20-80.

**Qualifications for  
licensure and  
Application/Exam  
Requirements**

Mr. Emerson presented the statistics for Hearing Aid Specialists practical exams dated 2019 to present. Mr. Emerson explained the pattern was steady and called attention to the pass rate percentage of the audiometric content test area.

**Examination  
Statistics**

Dr. Morris motioned that this meeting be recessed, and the Exam Review Committee of the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians immediately reconvene in closed meeting for the purpose of discussion or consideration of test, examinations, or other information used, administered, or prepared by a public body within the jurisdiction of the public body as permitted by §2.2-3711(A)12 of the Code of Virginia.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Additionally, Dr. Morris motioned that the following non-members attend the closed meeting because their presence in the closed meeting is deemed necessary and will reasonably aid the consideration of the topic: Ms. Smith, Ms. Rogriguez, Ms. Garnett, Mr. Emerson, Ms. Starr, Ms. Ogram, Mr. McCurdy, Ms. Rabin, Ms. Cook, and Ms. Hiles Brett.

This motion is made with respect to the matters identified as agenda item roman numeral (5) V-Discussion and development of the Hearing Aid Practical Examination. Dr. Kirk seconded the motion which was approved by members Dr. Ogilvie, Dr. Morris, and Dr. Kirk.

Dr. Morris read the Certification of Closed Meeting:

**OPEN SESSION  
AND  
CERTIFICATION  
OF CLOSED  
MEETING**

WHEREAS, the Exam Review Committee of the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, § 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Exam Review Committee of the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters

lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

Roll Call Vote:

AYES: Dr. Ogilvie, Dr. Morris, Dr. Kirk

NAYS: 0

Dr. Ogilvie informed the Committee the next full Board meeting is October 30, 2024. The recommendations from the Committee will be presented to the Board at this meeting.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

There being no further business, Dr. Ogilvie adjourned the meeting at 12:33 pm

**ADJOURN**

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Kaytlyn Young, Board Chair

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Brian P. Wolford, Board Secretary

**HEARING AID SPECIALISTS PRACTICAL CONTENT AREA STATISTICS 2019**

**Four Tests Per Year**

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass  | Percent Pass  |          |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| Audiometric  | 15        | 9         | 60.00%        | February |
| Audiometric  | 14        | 6         | 42.85%        | May      |
| Audiometric  | 14        | 6         | 42.85%        | August   |
| Audiometric  | 15        | 6         | 40.00%        | November |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>58</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>46.55%</b> |          |

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass  | Percent Pass  |          |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| Speech       | 10        | 9         | 90.00%        | February |
| Speech       | 12        | 9         | 75.00%        | May      |
| Speech       | 11        | 6         | 54.54%        | August   |
| Speech       | 13        | 10        | 76.92%        | November |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>46</b> | <b>34</b> | <b>73.91%</b> |          |

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass  | Percent Pass  |          |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| Earmolds     | 9         | 6         | 66.66%        | February |
| Earmolds     | 13        | 9         | 69.23%        | May      |
| Earmolds     | 10        | 10        | 100.00%       | August   |
| Earmolds     | 10        | 9         | 90.00%        | November |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>34</b> | <b>80.95%</b> |          |

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass  | Percent Pass  |          |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| Maintenance  | 9         | 4         | 44.44%        | February |
| Maintenance  | 13        | 12        | 92.30%        | May      |
| Maintenance  | 10        | 8         | 80.00%        | August   |
| Maintenance  | 12        | 7         | 58.33%        | November |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>31</b> | <b>70.45%</b> |          |

HEARING AID SPECIALISTS PRACTICAL CONTENT AREA STATISTICS 2020

Four Tests Per Year

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass | Percent Pass |          |
|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Audiometric  | 15        | 11       | 73.33%       | February |
| Audiometric  | 5         | 4        | 80.00%       | May      |
| Audiometric  | 14        | 6        | 42.85%       | August   |
| Audiometric  | 15        | 6        | 40.00%       | November |
| Total        | 49        | 27       | 55.10%       |          |

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass | Percent Pass |          |
|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Speech       | 11        | 11       | 100.00%      | February |
| Speech       | 13        | 13       | 100.00%      | May      |
| Speech       | 11        | 6        | 54.54%       | August   |
| Speech       | 13        | 10       | 76.92%       | November |
| Total        | 48        | 40       | 83.33%       |          |

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass | Percent Pass |          |
|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Earmolds     | 10        | 10       | 100.00%      | February |
| Earmolds     | 12        | 12       | 100.00%      | May      |
| Earmolds     | 10        | 10       | 100.00%      | August   |
| Earmolds     | 10        | 9        | 90.00%       | November |
| Total        | 42        | 41       | 97.61%       |          |

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass | Percent Pass |          |
|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Maintenance  | 13        | 12       | 92.30%       | February |
| Maintenance  | 15        | 14       | 93.33%       | May      |
| Maintenance  | 10        | 8        | 80.00%       | August   |
| Maintenance  | 12        | 7        | 58.33%       | November |
| Total        | 50        | 41       | 82.00%       |          |

**HEARING AID SPECIALISTS PRACTICAL CONTENT AREA STATISTICS 2021**

**Four Tests Per Year**

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass  | Percent Pass  |          |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| Audiometric  | 10        | 4         | 40.00%        | February |
| Audiometric  | 13        | 4         | 30.76%        | May      |
| Audiometric  | 12        | 9         | 75.00%        | August   |
| Audiometric  | 9         | 4         | 44.44%        | November |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>47.72%</b> |          |

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass  | Percent Pass  |          |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| Speech       | 7         | 2         | 28.57%        | February |
| Speech       | 13        | 8         | 61.53%        | May      |
| Speech       | 8         | 7         | 87.50%        | August   |
| Speech       | 10        | 6         | 60.00%        | November |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>38</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>60.52%</b> |          |

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass  | Percent Pass  |          |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| Earmolds     | 8         | 7         | 87.50%        | February |
| Earmolds     | 10        | 8         | 80.00%        | May      |
| Earmolds     | 6         | 6         | 100.00%       | August   |
| Earmolds     | 9         | 9         | 100.00%       | November |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>90.90%</b> |          |

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass  | Percent Pass  |          |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| Maintenance  | 9         | 5         | 55.55%        | February |
| Maintenance  | 12        | 6         | 50.00%        | May      |
| Maintenance  | 8         | 7         | 87.50%        | August   |
| Maintenance  | 9         | 6         | 66.66%        | November |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>38</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>63.15%</b> |          |

**HEARING AID SPECIALISTS PRACTICAL CONTENT AREA STATISTICS 2022**

**Four Tests Per Year**

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass  | Percent Pass  |          |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| Audiometric  | 10        | 6         | 60.00%        | February |
| Audiometric  | 13        | 8         | 61.53%        | May      |
| Audiometric  | 7         | 6         | 85.71%        | August   |
| Audiometric  | 6         | 4         | 66.66%        | November |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>36</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>66.66%</b> |          |

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass  | Percent Pass  |          |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| Speech       | 11        | 7         | 63.63%        | February |
| Speech       | 10        | 9         | 90.00%        | May      |
| Speech       | 5         | 5         | 100.00%       | August   |
| Speech       | 3         | 2         | 66.66%        | November |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>79.31%</b> |          |

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass  | Percent Pass  |          |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| Earmolds     | 7         | 7         | 100.00%       | February |
| Earmolds     | 8         | 8         | 100.00%       | May      |
| Earmolds     | 4         | 4         | 100.00%       | August   |
| Earmolds     | 5         | 4         | 80.00%        | November |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>95.83%</b> |          |

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass  | Percent Pass  |          |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|----------|
| Maintenance  | 11        | 10        | 90.90%        | February |
| Maintenance  | 8         | 5         | 62.50%        | May      |
| Maintenance  | 6         | 5         | 83.33%        | August   |
| Maintenance  | 5         | 4         | 80.00%        | November |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>80.00%</b> |          |

HEARING AID SPECIALISTS PRACTICAL CONTENT AREA STATISTICS 2023

Four Tests Per Year

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass | Percent Pass |          |
|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Audiometric  | 5         | 3        | 60.00%       | February |
| Audiometric  | 11        | 10       | 90.90%       | May      |
| Audiometric  | 10        | 4        | 40.00%       | August   |
| Audiometric  | 10        | 7        | 70.00%       | November |
| Total        | 36        | 24       | 66.66%       |          |

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass | Percent Pass |          |
|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Speech       | 3         | 3        | 100.00%      | February |
| Speech       | 10        | 10       | 100.00%      | May      |
| Speech       | 9         | 6        | 66.66%       | August   |
| Speech       | 9         | 7        | 77.77%       | November |
| Total        | 31        | 26       | 83.87%       |          |

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass | Percent Pass |          |
|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Earmolds     | 4         | 4        | 100.00%      | February |
| Earmolds     | 10        | 10       | 100.00%      | May      |
| Earmolds     | 9         | 7        | 77.77%       | August   |
| Earmolds     | 8         | 7        | 87.50%       | November |
| Total        | 31        | 28       | 90.32%       |          |

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass | Percent Pass |          |
|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Maintenance  | 4         | 4        | 100.00%      | February |
| Maintenance  | 10        | 6        | 60.00%       | May      |
| Maintenance  | 13        | 12       | 92.30%       | August   |
| Maintenance  | 9         | 7        | 77.77%       | November |
| Total        | 36        | 29       | 80.55%       |          |

**HEARING AID SPECIALISTS PRACTICAL CONTENT AREA STATISTICS 2024**

**Four Tests Per Year**

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass | Percent Pass |          |
|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Audiometric  | 11        | 6        | 54.54%       | February |
| Audiometric  | 16        | 8        | 50.00%       | May      |
| Audiometric  | 11        | 11       | 100.00%      | August   |
| Audiometric  |           |          |              | November |
| Total        |           |          |              |          |

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass | Percent Pass |          |
|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Speech       | 9         | 6        | 66.66%       | February |
| Speech       | 14        | 10       | 71.42%       | May      |
| Speech       | 9         | 9        | 100.00%      | August   |
| Speech       |           |          |              | November |
| Total        |           |          |              |          |

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass | Percent Pass |          |
|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Earmolds     | 8         | 7        | 87.50%       | February |
| Earmolds     | 12        | 10       | 83.33%       | May      |
| Earmolds     | 7         | 7        | 100.00%      | August   |
| Earmolds     |           |          |              | November |
| Total        |           |          |              |          |

| Content Area | No. Taken | No. Pass | Percent Pass |          |
|--------------|-----------|----------|--------------|----------|
| Maintenance  | 8         | 8        | 100.00%      | February |
| Maintenance  | 11        | 6        | 54.54%       | May      |
| Maintenance  | 10        | 8        | 80.00%       | August   |
| Maintenance  |           |          |              | November |
| Total        |           |          |              |          |