

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

The Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians met virtually via Google Meet on Wednesday, December 16, 2020. Some Board staff was present at the Offices of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23233. The following Board members were present for all or part of the meeting:

Alidad Arabshahi, MD, MBA
Judith M. Canty
Pamela S. Chavis, MD
Beth Lynn Connors, AuD
Edward L. DeGennaro
Melissa Gill
Mark Grohler
Lakshminarayanan Krishnan
David M. Lambert
Debra Ogilvie, AuD
June H. S. Rogers
Laura Lee Thompson
Bruce R. Wagner

The following Board member was not present:

Teresa D. Leeper

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

Mary Broz-Vaughan, Acting Director
Stephen Kirschner, Regulatory Operations Administrator
Tamika Rodriguez, Licensing Operations Administrator
Cathy Clark, Administrative Assistant

A representative from the Office of the Attorney General was present via Google Meet for the meeting.

Elizabeth B. Peay, Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Wagner determined that there was a quorum present, and called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. **Call to Order**

Mr. Kirschner advised the Board the meeting was being held virtually in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and that per statutory requirements for virtual meetings, the meeting would be recorded and

**Announcements and
COVID-19 Safety
Procedures**

posted to the DPOR website.

Because the meeting was held virtually, Mr. Kirschner took roll of Board members in attendance.

Mr. Wagner asked if there were any amendments to the Agenda. Mr. Kirschner advised the Board that agenda items VII. Reports and VIII. Regulatory Action and Board Guidance were removed from the Agenda.

Upon a motion by Ms. Rogers and seconded by Mr. Lambert, the Board moved to approve the amended Agenda.

The members voting 'yes' were Dr. Arabshahi, Ms. Canty, Dr. Chavis, Dr. Connors, Mr. DeGennaro, Ms. Gill, Mr. Krishnan, Mr. Lambert, Dr. Ogilvie, Ms. Rogers, Ms. Thompson, and Mr. Wagner. There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon a motion by Ms. Canty and seconded by Mr. DeGennaro, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2020 Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians Meeting and the October 7, 2020 Continuing Education Committee Meeting.

The members voting 'yes' were Dr. Arabshahi, Ms. Canty, Dr. Chavis, Dr. Connors, Mr. DeGennaro, Ms. Gill, Mr. Krishnan, Mr. Lambert, Dr. Ogilvie, Ms. Rogers, Ms. Thompson, and Mr. Wagner. There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no written communications presented.

Mr. Wagner asked for public comments. There were none.

In the matter of **File Number 2020-02755, Francisco Daklique Arevalo, Jr.**, the Board reviewed the record, which consisted of the application files, transcript, exhibits, and the Summary of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference. Francisco Daklique Arevalo, Jr. appeared at the meeting via Google Meet and addressed the Board.

Upon a motion by Mr. Krishnan and seconded by Mr. Lambert, the Board voted to accept the recommendation in the Summary of the Informal Fact-Finding Conference and approve Francisco Daklique Arevalo, Jr.'s application for an Optician license.

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes: August 12, 2020 Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians Meeting; and October 7, 2020 Continuing Education Committee Meeting

Communications

Public Comment

CASES

File Number 2020- 02755, Francisco Daklique Arevalo, Jr.

The members voting 'yes' were Dr. Arabshahi, Ms. Canty, Dr. Chavis, Dr. Connors, Mr. DeGennaro, Ms. Gill, Mr. Krishnan, Mr. Lambert, Dr. Ogilvie, Ms. Rogers, Ms. Thompson, and Mr. Wagner. There were no negative votes. The motion passed unanimously.

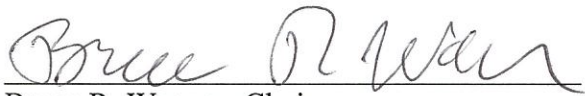
Mr. Grohler joined the meeting.

**Mr. Grohler joined
the virtual meeting at
9:21 a.m.**

There was no new business presented.

New Business

There being no other business to be brought before the Board, Mr. **Adjourn**
Wagner adjourned the meeting at 9:24 a.m.



Bruce R. Wagner, Chair



Mary Broz-Vaughan, Board Secretary

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT

TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government

1. Name: Judith Canty
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians
4. Meeting/IFF Date: ~~August 12, 2020~~
DECEMBER 16,
5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

N/A

Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: _____

N/A

I declare that I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

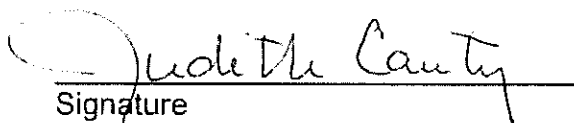
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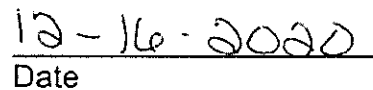
I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

or

I did not participate in the transaction.

6. I do not have a personal interest in any transactions taken at this meeting.


Signature


Date

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT

TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government

1. Name: Pamela S. Chavis,MD
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians
4. Meeting/IFF Date: ~~August 12, 2020~~ December 16, 2020
5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

none

Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: _____

I declare that I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

none

I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

or

I did not participate in the transaction.

6. I do not have a personal interested in any transactions taken at this meeting.

pamela s. chavis,md
Signature

12/16/2020
Date

STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT

TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government

1. Name: Beth Connors
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians
4. Meeting/IFF Date: August 12, 2020 - December 16, 2020
5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: _____

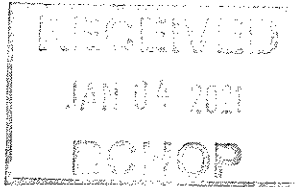
I declare that I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

- I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.
or
 I did not participate in the transaction.

6. I do not have a personal interest in any transactions taken at this meeting.

Beth Connors, Sr. D
Signature

12/16/2020
Date



STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT

TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government

- 1. Name: Edward De Gennaro
- 2. Title: Board Member
- 3. Agency: Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians
- 4. Meeting/IFF Date: ~~August~~ December 16, 2020 *EDG*

5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

No

Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: _____

none

I declare that I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

none

I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

or

I did not participate in the transaction.

6. I **do not** have a personal interested in any transactions taken at this meeting.

Signature

12/16/20

Date

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT**

TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT for
Officers and Employees of State Government

1. Name: Melissa A. Gill
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians
4. Meeting/IFF Date: ~~August 12, 2020~~ 12.16.2020
5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: _____

I declare that I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

or

I did not participate in the transaction.

6. I **do not** have a personal interested in any transactions taken at this meeting.

Melissa A. Gill 
Signature

12/16/2020
Date

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT**

**TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government**

- 1. Name: **Debra Ogilvie**
- 2. Title: **Board Member**
- 3. Agency: **Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians**
- 4. Meeting/IFF Date: **December
~~August 12, 2020~~**
- 5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

N/A

Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: _____

N/A

I declare that I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

N/A

I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

or

I did not participate in the transaction.

I do not have a personal interest in any transactions taken at this meeting.

Debra Ogilvie

Signature

12/16/2020

Date

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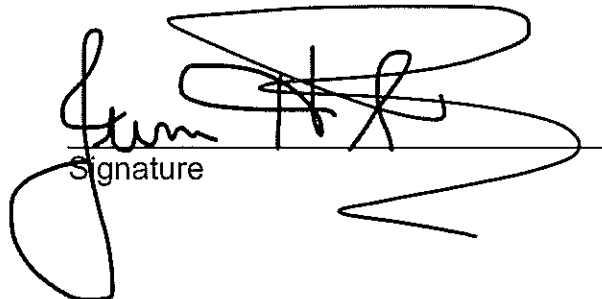
1. Name: June Rogers
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians
4. Meeting/IFF Date: December 16, 2020
~~August 12, 2020~~
5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

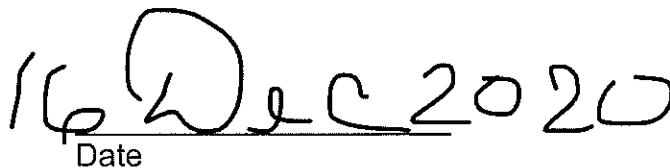
Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: _____

I declare that I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

- I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.
- or
- I did not participate in the transaction.

6. I do not have a personal interested in any transactions taken at this meeting.


Signature


Date

**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CONFLICT OF INTERESTS ACT**

TRANSACTIONAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
for Officers and Employees of State Government

1. Name: Bruce R Wagner
2. Title: Board Member
3. Agency: Board for Hearing Aid Specialists and Opticians
4. Meeting/IFF Date: ~~August 12, 2020~~ 12-16-2020
5. I have a personal interest in the following transaction:

Nature of Personal Interest Affected by Transaction: _____

I declare that I am a member of the following business, profession, occupation or group, the members of which are affected by the transaction:

- I am able to participate in this transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.
- or
- I did not participate in the transaction.
6. I do not have a personal interested in any transactions taken at this meeting.

Bruce R Wagner
Signature

12-16-20
Date