

BOARD FOR HEARING AID SPECIALISTS

MINUTES OF MEETING

The Board for Hearing Aid Specialists met on December 9, 2002, at the Offices of the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 3600 West Board Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia. The following members were present

Jeffrey M Rinehart, Chairman
Paul D Moran
Elaine Hutton Woodward
Thomas M Frank
Kathy J Harvey
Richard E Linde, M D
Thomas J Michie

DPOR staff present for all or part of the meeting included

Louise Fontaine Ware, Director
Sandra Whitley Ryals, Chief Deputy Director
Karen W O'Neal, Deputy Director for RPD
William H Ferguson, II, Assistant Director
Zelda Dugger, Board Administrator
Sharon Sweet, Examination Director
Judy Coward, Admin & Support Spec III

Also in attendance were Carl E McCurdy, former Board Member
Teresa Robinson, VA Chapter of Hearing Aid Specialists

Jeffrey M Rinehart, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8 50 a m , Call to Order
at which time he requested each member to introduce themselves

Mr Moran moved to approve the agenda as amended Ms Harvey seconded the motion The members voting "YES" were Mr Frank, Ms Harvey, Dr Linde, Mr Michie, Mr Moran, Mr Rinehart, and Ms Woodward There were no negative votes The motion passed unanimously Approval of Agenda

Mr Rinehart asked for public comment There was no public comment Public Comment Period

Mr Moran moved to approve the minutes as written of the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists Meeting June 24, 2002 Mr Frank seconded the motion The members voting "YES" were Mr Frank, Ms Harvey, Dr Linde, Mr Michie, Mr Moran, Mr Rinehart, and Ms Woodward Approval of Minutes for June 24, 2002 Board Meeting

The motion passed unanimously There were no negative votes

The Board took up the issue of the examination for licensure As requested by the Board at their last meeting, Ms Sharon Sweet had contacted the International Institute for Hearing Instrument Studies (IIHIS) concerning their International Licensing Examination for the Hearing Instrument Dispenser (ILE) and provided the Board a written report to compare the IIHIS examination with the examination that is presently used for licensure Ms Sweet reviewed the report with the Board As requested by the Board, Mr Carl McCurdy and Ms Teresa Robinson reported to the Board on their review of the examination currently being used for licensure and the IIHIS examination Upon a motion made by Ms Harvey and seconded by Ms Woodward, the Board voted to use the IIHIS examination for licensure The members voting "YES" were Mr Frank, Ms Harvey, Dr Linde, Mr Michie, Mr Moran, Mr Rinehart, and Ms Woodward There were no negative votes The motion passed unanimously

Examination

The Board was informed that examinations are scheduled for the following dates

February 10, 2003, June 9, 2003, and October 6, 2003

Karen O'Neal provided training to the Board on the role of a board member

Training

At 10 10 a m the Board recessed and reconvened at 10 20 a m

Break

Karen O'Neal provided training to the Board on the regulatory review process

Training

The Board upon a motion by Ms Harvey that was seconded by Mr Moran voted to approve responses to public comment and adopt Board for Hearing Aid Specialists proposed regulations as amended as final regulations and submit them for executive review and publication as required The members voting "YES" were Mr Frank, Ms Harvey, Dr Linde, Mr Michie, Mr Moran, Mr Rinehart, and Ms Woodward There were no negative votes The motion passed unanimously

Regulations

At 12.05 p m the Board recessed and reconvened at 12 40 p m

Lunch

Ms Ryals and Ms O'Neal gave the Board a summary of the activities of the HJR159 Subcommittee

HJR159

The Board upon a motion by Dr Linde that was seconded by Mr Moran voted to oppose the merger of the Board for Hearing Aid

Specialists and the Board for Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology The members voting "YES" were Mr Frank, Ms Harvey, Dr Linde, Mr Michie, Mr Moran, Mr Rinehart, and Ms Woodward There were no negative votes The motion passed unanimously

The Board took up the election of officers

Elections

The Board upon a motion by Mr Rinehart that was seconded by Mr Moran elected Kathy Harvey as Chair of the Board for Hearing Aid Specialists The members voting "YES" were Mr Frank, Dr Linde, Mr Michie, Mr Moran, Mr Rinehart, and Ms Woodward Ms Harvey abstained from the vote There were no negative votes The motion passed by majority vote

The Board upon a motion by Mr Moran that was seconded by Dr Linde elected Jeffrey Rinehart as Vice-Chair of the Board for Hearing aid Specialists The members voting "YES" were Mr. Frank, Ms Harvey, Dr Linde, Mr Michie, Mr Moran, and Ms Woodward Mr Rinehart abstained from the vote There were no negative votes The motion passed by majority vote

Dr Linde left the meeting at 2 45 p m

Member Departure

In order to be aware of complaint issues that relate to the hearing aid specialists industry, the Board requested that a means be implemented for DPOR's Enforcement Division to inform the Board of all complaints after the cases are closed

Enforcement

Mr Michie left the meeting at 3 10 p m

Member Departure

Board for Hearing Aid Specialists meetings were scheduled for the following dates

Meeting Dates

April 28, 2003, August 11, 2003, and November 24, 2003

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 3 15 p m

Adjournment


Kathy J Harvey, Chair


Louise Fontaine Ware, Secretary

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