

STATE COMMITTEE OF EXAMINERS IN THE FITTING AND DISPENSING OF HEARING INSTRUMENTS

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 7, 2008, 3:00 p.m.

Department of State Health Services

Exchange Building, Room S-402

8407 Wall Street

Austin, Texas 78754

MINUTES

Committee Members Present:

Ronald Enweiler, President

Jerome Kosoy, M.D.

Ken Haesly

Rosemary Geraci

Sara Garza

Audrey McDonald

Melissa Rodriguez

Committee Members Absent:

Kenneth Earl, Vice President

Richard Davila, II

DSHS Staff Present:

Joyce Parsons

David Richards

Cindy Bourland

Stephen Mills

Stewart Myrick

Becky Evers

Alice Lee

Guests Present:

Ben Norris

Agenda Item 1 was the call to order by Mr. Enweiler at 3:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 was the introduction of members, staff, and guests.

Agenda Item 3 was public comment. There were no comments.

Agenda Item 4 was the review and approval of minutes from committee meeting held October 11, 2007. Dr. Kosoy made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion and possible action regarding final disciplinary action in 1066-07-0011. Ms. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the order. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 6 was the discussion and possible action concerning the subcommittee reports of meetings held February 7, 2008 for the following committees:

Ms. Geraci gave the Complaints Subcommittee report. She reported that thirteen complaints were heard. Nine complaints were closed as no violation, one complaint was closed as non-jurisdictional, one complaint was closed with a warning letter, one complaint was tabled pending further information, and a six-month suspension was proposed for one complaint. Ms. Geraci made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Ensweiler gave the Examinations Subcommittee report. He reported that the subcommittee approved changes to the instructions for the practical examination. Mr. Ensweiler made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Ms. Rodriguez gave the Continuing Education Subcommittee report. She reported that the subcommittee reviewed three requests for approval. One request was tabled until the submission of a completed application and course outline, one application was approved, and one was approved pending receipt of a completed application. Ms. Rodriguez made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Haesly gave the Applications Subcommittee report. He reported that one application for reciprocity was considered and denied. Mr. Haesly made a motion to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item 7 was the discussion of licensure issues involving hearing instrument specialists who do not test, fit or dispense hearing instruments in Texas. No action was taken.

Agenda item 8 was the Committee Chair report. Mr. Ensweiler gave the report.

Agenda Item 9 was the Executive Director report. Ms. Parsons reported on the examination.

Agenda Item 10 was the management report from the Professional Licensing and Certification Unit, Texas Department of State Health Services. Mr. Mills reported on the increase in mileage reimbursement, the division's exceptional item request, the committee income and revenue, and changes to the meeting room policy.

Agenda Item 11 was announcements and committee member comments not requiring committee action. Ms. Rodriguez made comments regarding an examination presentation at the upcoming Texas Hearing Aid Association conference.

Agenda Item 12 was the adjournment of the meeting. Ms. Geraci made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 3:45 p.m.

Ronald Ensweiler, President

Joyce Parsons, Executive Director

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