

**State Committee of Examiners In The
Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments
Examination Subcommittee Meeting
Thursday, February 17, 2005 at 1:30 p.m.
Department of State Health Services, Room N-218
8407 Wall Street
Austin, Texas 78754**

MINUTES

Board Members Present

Richard Davila, Chair
Jerome Kosoy, M.D.
Ron Ensweiler
Audrey McDonald

DSHS Staff Present

Pam Kaderka
Stephen Mills
David Richards
Melissa Utpadel

Guest Present

Mark Brimbach, Self
Ken Haesly
Scott Pospisil THAA
Ray Jones, Self
Jim Zukowski, TSBPME
K.Keller, HRI
Patti Jay, HRI
Michael DeLa Cruz, PLC

Agenda item 1 was the call to order at 1:35, by Mr. Davila, Chair

Agenda item 2 Introduction of Guests. No action was taken

Agenda item 7 was discussion and possible action on the use of the International Licensing Examination that would be combined with a staff compiled section of written examination items relating to Texas laws, rules, and regulations. Not discussed

Agenda item 4 public comments. No action was taken.

Agenda item 3 reviews and approves subcommittee report of the meeting held October 8, 2004. A motion was made by Mr. Ensweiler to approve with corrections. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda item 5 was discussion and possible action on the use of dummy heads in the practical exam. A motion was made by Mr. Ensweiler to continue use. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Agenda item 6 Discussion and possible action on staff progress regarding their project to bring the practical examination scoring in line with the 5 sections as defined in the action taken by the Committee on February 20, 2004. The practical examination is to be broken down into five separate sections that must be passed independently, namely, (1) puretone audiometry, (2) speech audiometry, (3) masking, (4) sound field audiometry and (5) ear impressions. Not discussed.

Agenda item 8 Discussion and possible action concerning test question databank. Not discussed.

Agenda item 9 was discussion and possible action of whether to seek an informal opinion from the Attorney General on validation of practical examination. No action was taken.

Agenda item 10 Discussion and possible action the practical examination scoring alignment as it relates to the five separate sections which must be passed individually. Not discussed.

Agenda item 11 Announcements and comments not requiring subcommittee action. Committee went into executive session at 2:19 p.m. under 551 Government Code to review test. Went back in to open session at 2: 55 p.m. No action was taken.

Mr. Ensweiler moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 3:00 p.m.

Ron Ensweiler, Chair