

STATE COMMITTEE OF EXAMINERS IN THE FITTING AND DISPENSING OF HEARING INSTRUMENTS  
CONTINUING EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, June 1, 2006, 2:00 p.m.  
Department of State Health Services  
Exchange Building, Room S-402  
8407 Wall Street  
Austin, Texas 78754

MINUTES

**Subcommittee Members Present:**

Melissa Rodriguez, Chair  
Ken Earl  
Ken Haesly

**Subcommittee Members Absent:**

Audrey McDonald

**DSHS Staff Present:**

David Richards  
Joyce Parsons  
Stephen Mills  
Stewart Myrick

**Guests Present:**

Ray Jones  
Amy Trost  
David Brown  
Richard Davila

**Agenda Item 1** was the call to order by Dr. Rodriguez at 2:01 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2** was the introduction of guests.

**Agenda Item 3** was public comment. There was none.

**Agenda Item 4** was the review and approval of the subcommittee report of the meeting held on February 23, 2006. Mr. Earl made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 5** was the discussion and possible action regarding denial of license renewal for failure to complete 20 clock-hours of continuing education during each year of the two-year renewal period (for example, completion of 25 hours the first year and 15 hours the second year). Mr. Mills made remarks regarding the issue as it related to the two-year licensure period mandated by HB 2292. Mr. Haesly made a motion to make no changes to the current requirement. The motion was seconded and passed with opposition.

**Agenda Item 6** was the discussion and possible action regarding request of Texas Hearing Aid Association to change the name of Amplifon to Sonus in the committee's records; to inform Amplifon/Sonus that they are not approved as a non-manufacturer continuing education sponsor; and to update the committee website to reflect the changes. Mr. Earl made a motion to recommend to the full committee that a letter be sent to Amplifon to request

information about their business arrangement with Sonus, to justify their status as a manufacturer versus a non-manufacturer, and to advise them that their renewal will be held pending subcommittee review of this information. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 7** was announcements and subcommittee member(s) comments not requiring subcommittee action. There were none.

**Agenda Item 8** was the adjournment of the meeting. Dr. Rodriguez moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 2:50 p.m.

Approved by the subcommittee on October 5, 2006  
Melissa Rodriguez, Chair