

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

Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 1:00 p.m.
Texas Department of State Health Services
Exchange Building
8407 Wall Street, Room N-102
Austin, Texas 78754

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Benjamin Norris, Professional Member
Gary Haun, Professional Member
William McCrae, Professional Member
Amy Trost, Professional Member
Carla Hoffman, Professional Member
Tracy Byerly II, Professional Member
Barbara Willy, Public Member

Staff Present:

Katie Brice
Dawn Burton
Georgia Norman
Alice Bradford
Carol Miller

Guests Present:

Adam Asran
Ken Haisley
Kendall Haisley

Agenda Item 1 was to call the meeting to order at 1:16 pm by Mr. McCrae, chair.

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

The State Committee of Examiners in the Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments having convened on this date and with a quorum present, will now go into Executive Session in accordance with Government Code Chapter 551 (Open Meetings Act) of the State of Texas, for the purposes of consulting with the board attorney. The date is January 21, 2015. The time is 1:19 pm. The State Committee of Examiners in the Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments came out of Executive Session at 1:28 pm. No action taken. The date is January 21, 2015.

Agenda Item 3 was public comment.

Agenda Item 4 was to review and approve the minutes from committee meeting held September 24, 2014. A motion was made by Ms. Trost to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 5 was the discussion concerning Committee member absences. Mr. McCrae gave the discussion.

Agenda Item 6 was the Complaints Subcommittee report of the following pending complaints: 1066-12-0015, 1066-13-0029, 1066-14-0015, 1066-14-0016, 1066-15-0002. Mr. Norris gave the report. The committee reviewed 4 complaints, of which 1 case was closed and 3 cases were tabled for additional information and 1 case was not discussed. A motion was made by Ms. Hoffman to accept the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 7 was the discussion concerning complaint 1066-13-0014. A motion was made by Ms. Trost to accept the order. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 8 was the discussion regarding a rule amendment petition from Texas Hearing Aid Association, Inc. Mr. Aseron gave the report. A motion was made by Ms. Willy to initiate the rule making process as proposed as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

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Agenda Item 9 was the discussion on the scope as it relates to cerumen management. Mr. Norris gave the report.

Agenda Item 10 was the discussion regarding potential approval to publish the proposed new rules and/or rule amendments and/or repeals for comment, on draft and suggested language and any language proposed for publication for rules relating to and/or addressing examination including without limitation rules relating to and/or addressing examination including without limitation 22 Texas Administration Code (TAC) §141.8, Issuance of Permits and 22 TAC §141.15 Examination. A motion was made by Mr. Norris to table this discussion. The motion was seconded and passed.

Agenda Item 11 was the Committee Chair report concerning current challenges and accomplishments; interaction with stakeholders, state officials, and staff; subcommittee appointments and functions; workload of committee members; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the committee. Mr. McCrae gave the report.

Agenda Item 12 was the Executive Director's report concerning program operations; current and/or historical licensee statistics; media, legislative, and stakeholder contacts and concerns; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the licensure program. Ms. Brice gave the report.

Agenda Item 13 was the Management report from the Professional Licensing and Certification Unit, Department of State Health Services, including program costs and revenue; status of rulemaking within the unit; legislative and media contacts and tracking; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the unit. Ms. Miller gave the report.

Agenda Item 14 was items for future consideration. Updates to the board roster and rule making process.

Agenda Item 15 was adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.