

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

**Wednesday, May 18, 2011– 11:00 a.m.
Department of State Health Services
Exchange Building, Room N-102
8407 Wall Street
Austin, Texas 78754**

MINUTES

Members Present:

Robert Gebhard, Public Member
Kenneth B. Haesly, Professional Member
Carla Hoffman, Professional Member
Dr. James Leffingwell, Physician Member
Ben Norris, Professional Member
Cindy Steinbart, Public Member
Amy Trost, Professional Member
Melissa K. Rodriguez, Professional Member
James Paul Jay, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Joyce Parsons
David Richards
Nerissa Andrews
Stephen Mills

Public Present:

Richard Davila, II
Ray Jones
Irene Jones
Donald Hail

Agenda item 1 was the call to order. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Haesly, at 11:04 a.m.

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

Agenda item 3 was the opportunity for Public comment. Public comment was given by Mr. Jones.

Agenda item 4 was the review and approval of minutes from committee meeting held January 26, 2011. Ms. Trost made motion to approve the minutes as modified. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gebhart and passed.

Agenda item 5 was the discussion and possible action concerning the subcommittee reports of meetings held May 18, 2011. Complaints Subcommittee – Mr. Norris reported on the complaints subcommittee meeting. No action was taken.

Agenda item 6 was the discussion and possible action regarding the final disciplinary action on 1066-09-0001. Ms. Steinbart made the motion to approve the agreed order. The motion was seconded by Mr. Norris and passed.

Agenda item 7 was the discussion and possible action regarding public comments concerning proposed amendment to 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 141 as published in the December 31, 2010, issue of the *Texas Register*.

Agenda item 8 was the discussion and possible action regarding the final adoption of amendment to 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 141 as published in the December 31, 2010 issue of the *Texas Register*. Ms. Rodriguez made a motion to deny the final adoption of the amended rule. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoffman and passed.

Agenda item 9 was the discussion and possible action regarding petition for rulemaking by Ray Jones relating to advertising offers of "Free" merchandise or service. Ms. Rodriguez made a motion to deny petition. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gebhart and passed.

Agenda item 10 was the discussion and possible action regarding License Holder from Another State Application from Don Hail. Motion was made by Ms. Trost to approve the application. The motion was seconded by Ms. Steinbart and passed.

Agenda item 11 was the Committee Chair Report and Update 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. The report was given by Mr. Haesly.

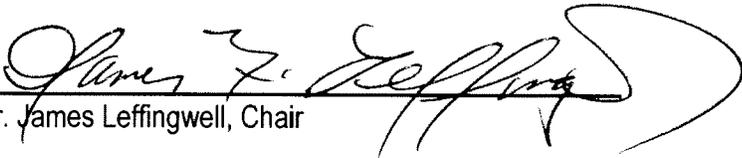
Agenda item 12 was the Executive Director's Report and Update concerning program operations; current and/or historical licensee statistics; media, legislative, and stakeholder contacts and concerns; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the licensure program. The report was given by Ms. Joyce Parsons.

Agenda item 13 was the Management Report and Update 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. No report was given.

Agenda item 14 was the items for future consideration. Mr. Haesly thanked Ms. Trost for her work regarding the approval of the continuing education courses and requested that she keep track of the number of courses that are approved.

Agenda item 15 was announcements and committee member comments not requiring committee action. Ms. Steinbart requested that the committee members review the supervision reports for permit holder John Evans.

Agenda item 16 was the adjournment of the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Haesly at 11:40 a.m.


Dr. James Leffingwell, Chair

09-28-2011
Date