

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

**Wednesday, September 22, 2010, 1:00 pm  
Texas Department of State Health Services, Exchange Building  
8407 Wall Street, Room N-102  
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  
Melissa Rodriguez, Professional Member  
Cindy Steinbart, Public Member  
Amy Trost, Professional Member

**Members Absent:**

James Paul Jay, Professional Member

**Staff Present:**

Joyce Parsons  
David Richards  
Stewart Myrick  
Stephen Mills

**Public Present:**

Ray Jones	Richard Davila, II
Carrie Holley-Hurt	Erick Fajardo
Mark Brumback	John Evans
Eddie Toohey	Karlene Toohey

**Agenda item 1** was call to order. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Haesly at 1:00 p.m.

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

**Agenda item 3** was public comment. Mr. Jones commented on certified technicians. Written comments were also received from the Texas Hearing Aid Association.

**Agenda item 4** was review and approval of minutes from committee meeting held May 12, 2010. Mr. Norris made a motion to approve the minutes as modified. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Agenda item 5** was discussion and possible action concerning the subcommittee reports of meetings held September 22, 2010. Mr. Norris gave the Complaints Subcommittee.

**Agenda item 6** was discussion and possible action regarding final disciplinary action on the following complaints.

1066-10-0008 – Mr. Gebhard made a motion to accept the order for payment received. The motion was seconded and passed.

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**Agenda item 7** was discussion and possible action regarding license holder from another state application from Paul Gravett. Ms. Trost made a motion to approve the application. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Agenda item 8** was discussion and possible action regarding the temporary training permit application from John Evans. Ms. Rodriguez made a motion to approve the application with the stipulation that the applicant's sponsor submits monthly reports until he successfully completes the licensing examination, then the applicant submits quarterly reports until full licensure is obtained. The motion was seconded and passed with opposition.

**Agenda item 9** was discussion and possible action concerning pending applications for continuing education sponsorship.

Humpty Dumpty Continuing Education Conservatory – Ms. Trost made a motion to deny the application due to the lack of a course outline. The motion was seconded and passed.

Synygis, LLC – Ms. Trost made a motion to approve the applicant as a manufacturer sponsor. The motion was seconded and passed.

Micro Tech Hearing – Ms. Steinbart made a motion to approve the applicant as a manufacturer sponsor. The motion was seconded and passed.

PHASE Seminar – The application was withdrawn by the applicant. No action was taken.

Hearing Aid Institute of Technology – Mr. Norris made a motion to deny the applicant due to the applicant's status as a manufacturer. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Agenda item 10** was discussion and possible action regarding petition for rulemaking by Ray Jones relating to the definition of Manufacturer. Ms. Rodriguez made a motion to deny the petition, as the term's definition is commonly understood. The motion was seconded 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. Mr. Haesly gave the report.

**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. Ms. Parsons gave the report.

**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. Mr. Mills gave the report.

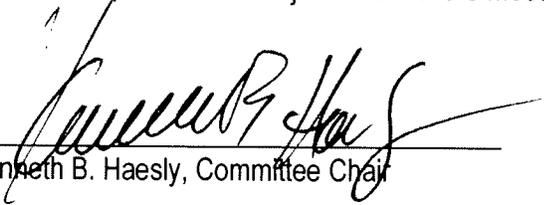
**Agenda item 14** was to set the meeting dates for 2011. The 2011 meetings are tentatively scheduled for January 26-28, May 18-20, and September 28-30.

**Agenda item 15** was the election of officers. Ms. Rodriguez made a motion to re-elect Mr. Haesly as president. The motion was seconded and passed. Mr. Norris made a motion to re-elect Ms. Trost as vice-president. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Agenda item 16** was items for future consideration. Mr. Haesly commented about subscriptions for disposable hearing aids and the effect on the committee's rules regarding the bill of sale.

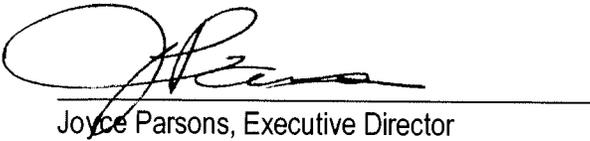
**Agenda item 17** was announcements and committee member comments not requiring committee action. There were none.

**Agenda item 18** was the adjournment of the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.



Kenneth B. Haesly, Committee Chair

1-26-11  
Date



Joyce Parsons, Executive Director

1-26-11  
Date