

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

Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 10:30 a.m.
Department of State Health Services
Exchange Building, Room N-102
8407 Wall Street
Austin, Texas 78754

MINUTES

Members Present:

Dr. James Leffingwell, Physician Member, Presiding Officer
Carla Hoffman, Professional Member
Ben Norris, Professional Member
Cindy Steinbart, Public Member
~~Melissa K. Rodriguez, Professional Member~~
James Paul Jay, Professional Member
Barbara Willy, Public Member
William McCrae, Professional Member
Jesus Rangel, Professional Member

Member(s) Absent:

Amy Trost, Professional Member

Staff Present:

Joyce Parsons
David Richards
Nerissa Andrews
Stephen Mills
Cindy Bourland

Public Present:

Andria Franco – Governor's Office
Ray Jones
Scott Pospisil – THAA

Agenda item 1 was the call to order. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Leffingwell at 11:47 p.m.

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

Agenda item 3 was public comment. Comments were given by Scott Pospisil.

Agenda item 4 was review and approval of minutes from committee meeting held September 28, 2011. Ms. Hoffman made a motion to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jay and passed.

Agenda item 5 was discussion and possible action concerning the subcommittee reports of meetings held January 25, 2012:

Complaints Committee – Mr. Norris made a motion to ratify his report as stated. The motion was seconded by Ms. Steinbart and passed.

Rules Committee – Dr. Leffingwell gave the report.

Agenda item 6 was discussion and possible action regarding final disciplinary action on 1066-11-0017. Mr. Norris made a motion to approve the final disciplinary action. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoffman and passed.

Agenda item 7 was discussion and possible action regarding proposed joint rules required by Senate Bills 662 and 663, 82nd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2011, concerning sales of hearing instruments. Mr. McCrae made a motion to approve the public comments and publish in the *Texas Register*. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hoffman and passed.

Agenda item 8 was discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to 22 TAC Chapter 141, including but not limited to rulemaking required by Senate Bill 663 and Senate Bill 1733, 82nd Texas Legislature, Regular Session, 2011. Mr. Jay made a motion to approve the proposed amendments as written and publish in the *Texas Register* for public comment. The motion was seconded by Ms. Willy and passed.

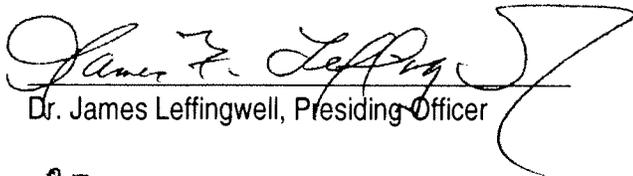
Agenda item 9 was discussion and possible action regarding correspondence to the Department of State Health Services concerning online hearing instrument sales. Mr. McCrae made a motion to request that the Department of State Health Services to issue a consumer health alert regarding online hearing instrument sales. The motion was seconded by Ms. Steinbart and passed.

Agenda item 10 was 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. Dr. Leffingwell gave the report.

Agenda item 11 was 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 12 was 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. Ms. Bourland gave the report.

Agenda item 13 was adjournment. The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Leffingwell at 1:38 p.m.


Dr. James Leffingwell, Presiding Officer

07-11-2012
Date


Joyce Parsons, Executive Director

5/11/12
Date