

Public Session Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

Loleata Wigall, Vice Chair (LW)
Eugene Antonell, Secretary (EA)
Mark Battite, Board Chair (MB)
Donald Gross Jr. (DG)

Staff Present:

Michael Hawley, Executive Director
Monique Brown, Administrator
Lynn Read, Board Counsel
Debra Tata, Investigator

Members of the Public Present:

Donna Osis
Lisa Leaver
Mark Moulton
Tina Gardella
John Caswell

Called To Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by MB.
- The Executive Director reviewed exit procedures in the case of a fire.

Board Business:

- Report from Executive Director
 - Introduction of Monique Brown, the Board's new Administrator.
 - Introduction of Charles Borstel, the new Director of Division of Professional Licensure
- Report from Legal Counsel Lynn Read
 - Executive Order No. 562 requires the Board to conduct review of all its regulations, and states that the Board must sunset the regulations by March 31, 2016, or show that they meet the standards in the order as necessary, cost-effective and not adverse to Massachusetts citizens.

Review Meeting Minutes:

LW moved to accept the minutes from October 24, 2014 and June 20, 2014 meeting. EA seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Reinstatement:

- **Mark Moulton**- Mr. Moulton said he is licensed in Vermont, but he was unaware that his Massachusetts license expired in 2003 until IHS asked for his renewal information. **Mr. Gross moved that Mr. Moulton be required to take the examination but not have an Apprenticeship or sponsor. Ms. Wigall seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Apprenticeship Extension:

- **Lisa Leaver**- Ms. Leaver said that a company reorganization prevented her from serving her Apprenticeship when the Board approved it in October 2012, so requests an apprenticeship to begin now, and she plans to take the IHS exam before the Apprenticeship ends.

LW moved to grant extension for a maximum of 18 months or 2,080 hours before apprenticeship ends with the condition that Ms. Leaver takes the exam within 18 months. DG seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Request to retake the exam:

- **Donna Osis**- Ms. Osis asked to be permitted to take the exam a fourth time due to family circumstances. **DG moved to allow Ms. Osis to retake the IHS exam in June. MB seconded,** and the Board reminded Ms. Osis that she will be unlicensed and should not practice until she passes the exam. **The motion passed unanimously.**
- **Gary Ouellette** – **Mr. Gross recused himself and left the meeting.** Mr. Ouellette asked to be permitted to take the exam a fourth time due to his love of the profession. **LW moved to allow Mr. Ouellette to retake the IHS exam in June. EA seconded, and the Board reminded Mr. Ouellette that he may not practice until he passes the exam. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mr. Gross returned to the meeting.

- **John Caswell** – Mr. Caswell said he lives and practices in Connecticut, under a Connecticut license and is located near the Massachusetts border. His Massachusetts license expired 2011, and he requests to reinstate it. **DG moved to allow Mr. Caswell to continue in the process of reinstating his license. LW seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Wall Certificates: Wall certificates were signed for the following new licensees:

- John Zoumboulis
- Paul Dole
- Alexander Lee
- Amber Brown
- Sara Tobias

Open Session for Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance meeting:

Tina Gardella- Having failed the IHS exam three times, Ms. Gardella asked to be permitted to take the exam a fourth time.

LW moved to allow Ms. Gardella to sit for the IHS exam in May. DG seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The Board reminded Ms. Gardella that she may not practice until she passes the exam.

11:25 a.m. Cases, Investigative Conference [Closed session pursuant to G.L. c.112 §65C]:

DG moved to enter Investigative Conference: Closed session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 112, § 65C. The motion was seconded by LW. Motion passed unanimously.

Board of Registration of Hearing Instrument Specialists
1000 Washington Street 1st Floor Room 1C, Boston, MA 02118
Date: April 17, 2015 Time: 10:00 am

At the end of the investigative session, the open meeting resumed.

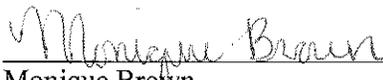
During the Investigative Conference the Board voted to take the following actions:

- HE-14-004 – dismiss with advisory
- HE-15-004 – refer to prosecutions
- HE-15-009 – refer to prosecutions

12:38 p.m. Adjournment:

DG moved to adjourn the meeting. LW seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Monique Brown
Board Administrator

Documents used in Public Session:

- Copy of October 24, 2014 draft Board Meeting Minutes
- Copy of June 20, 2014 draft Board Meeting Minutes
- Copy of Mark Moulton Application
- Copy of John Caswell Application
- Copy of Lisa Leaver Application and email
- Copy of Donna Osis Application and email
- Copy of Gary Ouellette Application and email
- Wall Certificates