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**Board of Registration of Hearing Instrument Specialists**

**Date**: January 19, 2024 **Location**: Virtual on Webex **Time**: 10:00 AM

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**Meeting Procedures** *(Lisa Guglietta)*

**Call Meeting to Order** *(Lisa Guglietta)*

* Attendance roll call
* Approval of agenda

**General Business**

* Election of Officers
* Conflict of Interest and Open Meeting Law Requirements *(Sheila York, Esq.)*
* Minutes from Public Meeting of July 28, 2023
* Executive Director Report *(Lisa Guglietta)*

**Apprenticeship Extension Requests**

* Erica Patterson HEA485 (Expired 12/1/2022)
* Jessica Niedzwiecki HEA225 (Expired 4/5/2023)
* Roney Desousa HEA488 (Expired 5/1/23)
* Louise Boyd HEA504 (Expires 2/1/2024)
* Kimberly Senra HEA500 (Expired 1/1/2024)
* Ronald Urnetta HEA480 (Expires 2/22/2024)

**Discussion**

* Prosecutorial Discretion and Alford Plea Policies *(Jessica Uhing-Luedde, Esq.)*
* Policy on Summary Suspensions Conducted by Boards of Registration Formerly Under the Supervision of the Division of Occupational Licensure
* Delegation of Authority for Staff Actions Relative to Monitoring Licensure Conditions
* Staff Action Policy: Social Security Numbers and Department of Revenue License Actions
* 2024 Board Meeting Dates
* Request for Acceptance of Out-of-State Apprenticeship Hours Towards MA Apprenticeship Requirements - Anthony Tortorici
* Email dated 11/17/23 from Collyn Gallant, AuD regarding osseointegrated implant vs. hearing aid: scope of practice question

**New Business**

* Open Session for Topics not reasonably anticipated by the Chair 48 hours before meeting

**Public Comment**

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