

Public Session Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

Eugene Antonell, Chair (EA)
Stanley Zoll (SZ)
Loleata Wigall, Secretary (LW)
Camille Catalano (CC)

Staff Present:

Michael Hawley, Executive Director
Lynn Read, Board Counsel
Anne Driscoll, Investigator Supervisor
Thomas F. Burke, Associate Exec. Director

Members of the Public Present:

Jeanne D'Amico
Jaime Cody
Shemica Taylor

Called To Order:

- The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by EA.
- The Executive Director reviewed exit procedures in the case of a fire.

Board Business:

- Review of Minutes:
 - April 19, 2019
LW moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2019 meeting as written. SZ seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Report from Executive Director, Michael Hawley
Mr. Hawley reported that a new deputy commissioner for boards has been appointed. The new deputy commissioner is Esther Laine.
Mr. Hawley also reported that the agency plans to change applications and renewals to an online only format. The next renewal cycle is in 2021. The renewal notices will be mailed when the time comes but the notices will not contain paper coupons. They will contain instructions on how to renew online. Applications for licensure will also be converting to online only.
Mr. Hawley also reported that, during the next two years the agency will conduct a random audit of Continuing Education for licensees who renewed during the 2019 renewal period.
- Report from Legal Counsel Lynn Read
Attorney Read indicated that all her topics are listed in the Discussion portion of the agenda.

Apprenticeship Extension Request

- **Jeanne D'Amico**- Ms. D'Amico appeared before the board to request an extension of her apprenticeship. This is her first request for an extension. She has taken and failed the IHS

examination once. **LW moved to grant an 18 month extension of Ms. D'Amico's apprenticeship. CC seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

Application Review

- **Scott Schoen**- The Board received information from Mr. Schoen's apprenticeship sponsor, Beth Levine, regarding his performance within his apprenticeship. However, Mr. Schoen has neither submitted an application for licensure nor has he submitted an apprenticeship extension request. The Board directed staff to take no action regarding this apprentice until either an application or a request is received from him.

Discussion:

- **Over-the-counter Hearing Aid Legislation**- Attorney Read reported that hearing aid industry associations expect that the FDA will publish regulations regarding over-the-counter hearing aid sales in November of 2019. The Regulations will be open for comments at that time.
- **International Hearing Society (IHS) Exam**- Mr. Hawley reported that the IHS exam contract has been signed and renewed consistent with the Board's vote at the April, 2019 meeting that the Board accept the IHS recommended score as the passing score.

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

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| • Russel Johnson | • Joseph Greaney |
| • Dorothy Potts | • Emily Woolfrey |
| • Courtney Shopshire | • Jane Szarythe |
| • Jasmin Winnie | • Richard Usifer |
| • Traci D'Agostino | • Steven Lamothe |

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

- **Apprenticeship Extension Request from Jaime Cody:** Ms. Cody appeared before the board to request an extension of her apprenticeship. She has not yet taken the IHS exam. This is her first request for an extension. **CC moved to grant an 18 month extension of Ms. Cody's apprenticeship. LW seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**
- **Apprenticeship Extension Request from Shemica Taylor:** Ms. Taylor appeared before the board to request an extension of her apprenticeship. She has taken and failed the IHS exam once. This is her first request for an extension. **LW moved to grant an 18 month extension of Ms. Taylor's apprenticeship. CC seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

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

10:38 SZ moved to enter investigative conference [Closed session pursuant to G.L. c. 112 §65C] to consider investigative matters. CC seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

At the end of the closed session the open meeting resumed.

During the investigative session the Board voted to take the following actions:

- HE 2019-000447-IT-ENF - Tabled

Board of Registration of Hearing Instrument Specialists
1000 Washington Street 1st Floor Room 1C, Boston, MA 02118
DATE: July 19, 2019 TIME: 10:00 a.m.

Agenda

- CE audit – Recommended percentage of licensees to audit.

12:03 p.m. Adjournment:

CC moved to adjourn the meeting. SZ seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Hawley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Michael Hawley
Executive Director

Documents used in Public Session:

- Agenda for July 19, 2019 Board meeting
- April 19, 2019 draft Board Meeting Minutes
- Wall Certificates
- Letter from Beth Levine regarding apprentice Scott Schoen
- Apprenticeship Extension request from Jeanne D'Amico
- Apprenticeship Extension request from Jaime Cody
- Apprenticeship Extension request from Shemica Taylor