

TENNESSEE COUNCIL FOR LICENSING HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS

DATE: March 27, 2015

TIME: 9:00 A.M., CT

LOCATION: Health Related Boards
Poplar Room, Ground Floor
665 Mainstream Dr
Nashville, TN 37243

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas Stewart, Hearing Instrument Specialist, Council Chair
Jerry Hall, Hearing Instrument Specialist
Randy Williams, Hearing Instrument Specialist
Lordy Dell Smith, Consumer Member

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Frederick Rayne, M.D

STAFF PRESENT: Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Charles Custer, Board Administrator
Hannah Lanford, Office of General Counsel

Mr. Stewart called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

Minutes

The Council reviewed the minutes from the June 26, 2014 meeting. Ms. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hall, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

The Council reviewed the minutes from the October 23, 2014 meeting. Ms. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hall, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel

Ms. Lanford advised the Council that the Office of General Counsel has three (3) open cases. There are no consent orders and no agreed orders to be presented to the Council. There is one (1) case that is being contested, and may be presented at the next meeting as a contested case hearing.

There is not any current legislation to be presented to the Council.

Rule 1370-02-.06, regarding exam fees is currently at the Attorney General's office awaiting approval. Ms. Lanford advised the Council that there is a procedural roll call vote needed by the Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences before these rules can be made effective.

Investigative Report

Nichelle Dorroh, from the Office of Investigations advised the Council that there are currently seven (7) cases open.

Financial Report

Vanessa Crutcher from the financial department presented a financial report to the Council. After discussion and input from Ms. Crutcher, Mr. Hall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, to reduce the renewal fee to \$500, and also to remove the license verification fee of \$20. The motion carried.

Administrative Report

Mr. Custer presented the Administrator's report to the Council.

Mr. Custer advised that the contract addendum for the IHS computerized testing has been fully approved, and has started to be implemented.

Mr. Custer requested that the task force for exams be reconvened at the TN Hearing Society conference in Pigeon Forge in May. Mr. Stewart agreed.

Mr. Custer advised the Council that, due to a previous request from the Council, they would need to vote to send Mr. Custer, Ms. Lanford and Ms. Wilkins to the TN Hearing Society conference in Pigeon Forge over the weekend of May 16-17, 2015. Mr. Hall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, to approve all 3 individuals. The motion carried.

Mr. Stewart offered the idea of administrative staff and Council members attending the IHS National conference in September. After discussion, Mr. Hall made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to send up to 3 administrative staff and up to 3 Council members to the conference, if they desire to attend. The motion carried.

Mr. Custer advised the Council that the IHS Contract that is renewed every five (5) years is now up for renewal again, at an annual cost of \$4000. Mr. Williams questioned what the Council receives for the cost of the contract. The discussion was tabled for the next meeting, so that finance could weigh in on the contract cost, and so the Mr. Custer could see if he can locate old contracts for review.

New Licenses

Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hall, to ratify the following new license. The motion carried. Mr. Stewart did not vote.

- Mitchell Vest – 809

Reinstatements

Mr. Hall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, to ratify the following reinstatements. The motion carried. Mr. Stewart did not vote.

- James Adair – 487
- Heather Bean – 725
- Kelly Tyus – 577

Correspondence

The Council reviewed a letter from Antonieta Slover, who challenged the scoring of her exams, due to the wording of some of the questions. After discussion, and reviewing the exam questions being challenged, Mr. Hall made a motion, seconded by Mr. Williams, to table a decision on this issue until the next meeting, to allow some additional information to be researched regarding review of completed exams by an applicant.

Adjourn

With no other Council business to conduct, Mr. Williams made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Ratified by the Council for Licensing Hearing Instrument Specialists on May 8, 2015