

**AGENDA**  
**BOARD OF HEARING AID SPECIALISTS**  
**GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**  
**Telephone Conference Call**  
**1-888-670-3525**  
**Conference Code – 5805370981**  
**Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 12:00 pm**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon by Ms. Polhill, Chair. Those present for all or part of the meeting included the following:

**Members Present**

Leanne Polhill, Chair  
John Fischer  
Maria Hernandez  
Douglas Moore  
Thomas Hollern  
Randy Ellsworth  
Pamela Dechmerowski

**Member Absent**

Robert Pickard, M.D.

**TRAINING PROGRAM APPLICATION REVIEW**

**Robert Paul Murphy**

Mr. Murphy was present and was represented by Mr. Richard Bisbee, Esq. He is applying for the hearing aid specialist trainee program. His application is before the board for reconsideration of his previous denial from the Board of Hearing Aid Specialist's March 6, 2014 telephone conference call. His application was denied due to affirmative responses on the applicant history section of the application.

The board heard testimony from several character witnesses' and discussion with Mr. Murphy. Following a lengthy discussion of Mr. Murphy's previous convictions, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Mr. Fischer to accept Mr. Murphy's trainee application with conditions. The first condition would be following Mr. Murphy's completion of the Distance

Learning Course and entering into stages two through four, Mr. Murphy's sponsor, Ronald Sutton, must submit a statement after each working stage indicating that Mr. Murphy is complying with the Board of Hearing Aid Specialists Florida Laws & Rules.

In addition, once Mr. Murphy passes the examination and becomes licensed, he will be placed on probation for two years and be required to submit quarterly (4) audiograms and delivery receipts per quarter for each of those two years, for review by Board.

Second: by Ms. Dechmerowski  
Vote: Mr. Ellsworth - No  
Ms. Polhill - No  
Mr. Moore - No  
Ms. Dechmerowski - Yes  
Mr. Fischer - Yes  
Ms. Hernandez - No  
Mr. Hollern - Yes

The motion failed.

Following discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:

Motion: by Mr. Moore to deny Mr. Murphy's training program application.  
Second: by Mr. Ellsworth  
Vote: Mr. Ellsworth - Yes  
Ms. Polhill - Yes  
Mr. Moore - Yes  
Ms. Dechmerowski - Yes  
Mr. Fischer - No  
Ms. Hernandez - Yes  
Mr. Hollern - Yes

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.