

**BOARD OF HEARING AID SPECIALISTS
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**Telephone Conference Call
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June 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. ET**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Thursday, June 7, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. ET by Ms. Leanne Polhill, Board Chair.

ROLL CALL

Those present for all or part of the meeting included the following:

Members present:

Leanne E. Polhill, HAS, Chair
Randy Ellsworth, HAS, Vice-Chair
Douglas Moore, HAS
Thomas Hollern
Pamela Dechmerowski, HAS
John Fischer, HAS
Maria Hernandez

Members not present:

Robert Pickard, MD

Staff present:

Marlene Stern, Esq., Board Counsel
Jennifer Wenhold, Executive Director
Abigail Chapman, Regulatory Supervisor
Court Reporter: For the Record Reporting
(850) 222-5491

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 29, 2018 General Business Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the March 29, 2018 general business meeting were reviewed and following review, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Mr. Fisher to approve the minutes as presented.

Second: by Mr. Ellsworth

Vote: unanimous.

III. APPEARANCE

A. Raymond J. Acevedo, AST Applicant

Mr. Acevedo was present and was not represented by counsel. His appearance was requested due to an affirmative response to a general history and health history question on his application for the Hearing Aid Specialists Training Program. Mr. Acevedo's application is complete as of April 9, 2018.

After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Mr. Moore to require a PRN evaluation and recommendation prior to appearing again before the Board for action on his Hearing Aid Specialists Training Program Registration application.

Second: by Mr. Fischer

Vote: unanimous.

Mr. Acevedo waived his ninety (90) day requirement pursuant to s.120.60, F.S.

B. Joseph Gallagher, AST Applicant

Mr. Gallagher was present and was not represented by counsel. Ms. Jean D'Aprix, Chief Operating Officer, Professional Resource Network (PRN), was present on behalf of Mr. Gallagher. His appearance was requested on the March 29, 2018 agenda due to an affirmative response to a health history question on his application for the Hearing Aid Specialists Training Program Registration. At the March 29, 2018 General Business Meeting, the Board required a PRN evaluation and recommendation prior to returning before the Board for action on his application. Mr. Gallagher waived his right to the ninety day requirement pursuant to s.120.60, F.S., to allow time to complete conditions set forth by the Board. Mr. Gallagher has completed his PRN evaluation and returns before the Board for a determination. His application is complete as of January 8, 2018.

After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Mr. Moore to approve the application contingent on compliance with PRN monitoring contract.

Second: by Mr. Ellsworth.

Vote: unanimous.

IV. RULES DISCUSSION

A. 64B6-4.002, F.A.C., Examination and Re-examination Fees -Repeal

Ms. Stern provided a rule repeal along with correspondence from the Joint Administrative Procedures Committee for the Board's consideration.

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

Motion: by Mr. Ellsworth to approve the repeal of Rule 64B6-4.002, F.A.C.

Second: by Ms. Dechmerowski.

Vote: unanimous.

SERC: Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs

Motion: by Mr. Fischer that this proposed repeal of this rule has no impact on small businesses regarding regulatory costs and no impact over \$200K in the aggregate in Florida within one year of this rule being filed.

Second: by Mr. Ellsworth.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion: by Mr. Ellsworth that the proposed repeal of this rule would not constitute a minor violation. Second: by Ms. Hernandez.

Vote: unanimous.

V. REPORTS

A. Marlene Stern, Esq., Board Counsel

i. Rules Report

Ms. Stern provided the monthly rules report for May 2018 for the Board's review.

B. Jennifer Wenhold, Executive Director

i. Financial Reports

a. Budget Report – Expenditures by Function

Ms. Wenhold provided budget information for period ending March 31, 2018 for the Board's review.

Ms. Wenhold suggested a PRN report presentation on the July 13, 2018 for the Board. The Board agreed and asked that a PRN representative be present at the July 13, 2018 meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m. ET.