

**BOARD OF HEARING AID SPECIALISTS  
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL MEETING  
OCTOBER 25, 2016at 10:00 A.M.**

**TAB 1 CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ms. Polhill, Chair. Those present for all or part of the meeting included the following:

Members present

Leanne Polhill, Chair  
Randy Ellsworth, Vice-Chair  
Pam Dechmerowski  
Douglas Moore  
Thomas Hollern  
Maria Hernandez  
John Fischer

Excused Absence

Robert Pickard, M.D.

Staff present:

Marlene Stern, Assistant Attorney General and Board Counsel  
Jennifer Wenhold, Executive Director  
Penny Johnson, Regulatory Supervisor

Others present:

Court Reporter – For the Record (850) 222-5491

**TAB 2 TRAINING PROGRAM APPLICATION REVIEW**

**Christopher Reilly**

Mr. Reilly has applied for the Hearing Aid Specialists Training Program. He is appearing before the board due to an affirmative response on the applicant history section of the application.

Just prior to this board meeting, Mr. Reilly's sponsor withdrew his sponsorship which made Mr. Reilly's application change to an incomplete status. Mr. Reilly withdrew his application until he secures an eligible sponsor for his training program at which time he will reapply.

No Board action required.

**TAB 3 ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Ms. Stern presented the 2016 Annual Regulatory Plan to the board for ratification

After discussion, the following action was taken by the Board:  
Motion: by Mr. Ellsworth to approve the 2016 Annual Regulatory Plan  
Second: by Mr. Fischer  
Vote: unanimous

Ms. Stern reported on the status of rules presented on the September 2016 Rules Report.

#### **TAB 4           RULE DISCUSSION**

##### **Rule 64B6-2.003** Licensure by Examination

The Board reviewed the proposed changes listed in Rule 64B6-2.003 presented in the agenda.

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

Ms. Stern reported that these changes were considered technical changes and did not require a vote by the board.

The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the Licensure by Examination application presented in the agenda.

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

Motion: by Mr. Ellsworth to accept the proposed recommended changes as listed in the agenda.

Second: by Mr. Fischer

Vote: unanimous

##### **SERC:**

Motion: by Ms. Dechmerowski that there is no impact on small businesses

Second: by Mr. Hollern

Vote: unanimous

Motion: by Ms. Dechmerowski that the rule amendments would not likely directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs to any entity in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate in Florida within 1 year after the implementation of the rule.

Second: by Mr. Moore

Vote: unanimous

##### **Rule 64B6-8.002** Qualifications for Trainees, Sponsors and Designated Hearing Aid Specialists.

The Board reviewed the proposed changes listed in Rule 64B6-8.002 presented in the agenda.

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

Ms. Stern reported that these changes were considered technical changes and did not need a vote by the board.

The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the Hearing Aid Specialists Training Program application presented in the agenda.

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

Motion: by Ms. Dechmerowski to accept the proposed recommended changes as listed in the agenda.

Second: by Mr. Ellsworth

Vote: unanimous

SERC:

Motion: by Ms. Dechmerowski that there is no impact on small businesses

Second: by Mr. Hollern

Vote: unanimous

Motion: by Ms. Dechmerowski that the rule amendments would not likely directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs to any entity in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate in Florida within 1 year after the implementation of the rule.

Second: by Mr. Moore

Vote: unanimous

The Board discussed making changes to Rule 64B6-8.003(5) to match the language in the Examination Application which would require a trainee to take the examination within 30 days after completing the training program.

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

Motion: by Mr. Ellsworth to open the rule for development and to accept the proposed recommended language as listed in the agenda.

Second: by Mr. Hollern

Vote: unanimous

SERC:

Motion: by Ms. Dechmerowski that there is no impact on small businesses

Second: by Mr. Moore

Vote: unanimous

Motion: by Ms. Dechmerowski that the rule amendments would not likely directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs to any entity in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate in Florida within 1 year after the implementation of the rule.

Second: by Mr. Hollern

Vote: unanimous

**Rule 64B6-7.006** Minor Violations; Notice of Noncompliance

The Board reviewed the proposed changes listed in Rule 64B6-7.006 presented in the agenda.

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

Motion: by Ms. Dechmerowski to accept the proposed recommended changes as listed in the agenda.

Second: by Mr. Hollern

Vote: unanimous

SERC:

Motion: by Ms. Dechmerowski that there is no impact on small businesses

Second: by Mr. Ellsworth

Vote: unanimous

Motion: by Mr. Moore that the rule amendments would not likely directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs to any entity in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate in Florida within 1 year after the implementation of the rule.

Second: by Mr. Hollern

Vote: unanimous

**Rule 64B6-6.010** Requirements Regarding Certain Information on the Receipt

The Board reviewed this rule and discussed adding the Department's new online complaint portal website to the requirements. The Board instructed the Board office to implement a communication component for these changes.

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

Motion: by Mr. Fischer to add the Department's online complaint portal website to rule language.

Second: by Ms. Hernandez

Vote: unanimous

**SERC:**

Motion: by Ms. Dechmerowski that there is no impact on small businesses

Second: by Mr. Fischer

Vote: unanimous

Motion: by Ms. Dechmerowski that the rule amendments would not likely directly or indirectly increase regulatory costs to any entity in excess of \$200,000 in the aggregate in Florida within 1 year after the implementation of the rule.

Second: by Mr. Fischer

Vote: unanimous

**TAB 5 FYI**

Letter from Matthew R. Orr - Call & Jensen

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jennifer Wenhold, Executive Director, notified the Board that a possible fee reduction would be presented to them in the near future.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.