

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

**Telephone Conference Call
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March 29, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. ET**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 2:01 p.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
John Fischer, HAS
Douglas Moore, HAS
Maria Hernandez
Thomas Hollern
Pamela Dechmerowski, HAS

Staff Present:

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

Members absent:

Robert Pickard, MD

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 25, 2017 General Business Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the October 25, 2017 general business meeting were reviewed and following review, the Board took the following action:

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

Second: by Mr. Hollern.

Vote: unanimous.

III. APPEARANCE

A. Patricia Mitchell, AS 3335

Ms. Mitchell was present and was not represented by counsel. Professional Resource Network (PRN) representative, Jean D'Aprix, RN, CARN, was present and provided status of applicant's completed evaluation and compliance of monitoring contract to the Board. This item was placed on the agenda for the Board's review to determine safe practice and reinstatement of clear and active licensure status. In order to return to practice, PRN is required to appear before the Board pursuant to Corrected Final Order filed December 5, 2013 and state that it is safe for Ms.

Mitchell to practice.

After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Mr. Ellsworth to approve Ms. Mitchell as safe to practice and eligible to return to practice as a licensed Hearing Aid Specialist.

Second: by Mr. Fischer.

Vote: unanimous.

B. Joseph Gallagher, AST Applicant

Mr. Gallagher was present and was not represented by counsel. His appearance was requested by Ms. Polhill due to an affirmative response to a history question on his application for the Hearing Aid Specialists Training Program Registration Applicant.

Mr. Gallagher waived s.120.60, F.S., ninety (90) day requirement to approve or deny his application.

After discussion, the Board took the following action:

Motion: by Mr. Fischer to require PRN evaluation and subsequent to evaluation appearance before the Board with PRN representative.

Second: by Mr. Moore.

Vote: unanimous.

IV. RULES DISCUSSION

A. 64B6-4.003, F.A.C., Initial Licensure Fee

Ms. Stern provided a rule draft for the Board's consideration. Ms. Stern provided an overview of the amendments to the Board.

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

Motion: by Mr. Ellsworth to accept proposed amendments.

Second: by Mr. Moore.

Vote: unanimous.

SERC: Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs

Motion: by Mr. Fischer that this proposed rule amendment 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 Ms. Dechmerowski.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion: by Ms. Dechmerowski that the proposed amendment to this rule would not constitute a minor violation.

Second: by Mr. Moore.

Vote: unanimous.

B. 64B6-2.003, F.A.C., Licensure by Examination

Ms. Stern provided a rule draft with corresponding amended application for licensure for the Board's consideration. Ms. Stern provided an overview of the amendments to the Board.

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

Motion: by Ms. Hernandez to accept the proposed amendments in rule and the proposed amendments to the application.

Second: by Mr. Fischer.

Vote: unanimous.

SERC: Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs

Motion: by Ms. Dechmerowski that this proposed rule amendment 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. Fischer.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion: by Mr. Moore that the proposed amendment to this rule would not constitute a minor violation.

Second: by Ms. Dechmerowski.

Vote: unanimous.

C. 64B6-3.001, F.A.C., Application for Initial Licensure

Ms. Stern provided a rule draft with corresponding amended application for licensure for the Board's consideration. Ms. Stern provided an overview of the amendments to the Board.

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

Motion: by Mr. Fischer to accept the proposed amendments and corresponding amendments to initial licensure application.

Second: by Mr. Ellsworth.

Vote: unanimous.

SERC: Statement of Estimated Regulatory Costs

Motion: by Ms. Dechmerowski that this proposed rule amendment 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 Ms. Fischer.

Vote: unanimous.

Motion: by Mr. Fischer that the proposed amendment to this rule would not constitute a minor violation.

Second: by Ms. Dechmerowski.

Vote: unanimous.

V. REPORTS

A. Marlene Stern, Esq., Board Counsel

i. Rules Report

Ms. Stern provided a monthly rules report for March 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 December 31, 2017 for the Board's review.

C. Leanne E. Polhill, Chair Report

Ms. Polhill did not have anything to report for the Boards discussion.

VI. FOR YOUR INFORMATION

A. Telehealth Advisory Council Report

Ms. Polhill discussed the nationwide effort in healthcare to expand telehealth services and develop regulatory guidelines on telehealth care. Ms. Wenhold provided a summary of the Telehealth Advisory Council Report as it relates to Chapter 2016-240, Laws of Florida.

Ms. Polhill requested this item to be added to the July 2018 Board meeting for further discussion.

B. Standardized Health Care Practitioner Application

Ms. Wenhold presented the standardized health care practitioner application for the Board's review and discussed efforts of future development and implementation. Ms. Wenhold provided explanation to the Board on the standardized application initiative's purpose to help all of the Boards regulated by Chapter 456, F.S., General Provisions, which apply to all professions such as demographic information and health history questions to reduce the amount of rulemaking and associated cost to the Department of Health. This application will be bi-furcated to include one section that is standardized for all regulatory Boards and a separate section which includes Board specific questions.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. ET.