

FLORIDA BOARD OF HEARING AID SPECIALISTS

GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTE SHELL

November 13, 2020, at 9:00 A.M. EST

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Leanne E. Polhill, H.A.S., Chair

Janet E. Hartman, Executive Director



MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 9:02 a.m. EST

Janet Hartman conducted roll call.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leanne E. Polhill, H.A.S., Chair
Randy Ellsworth, H.A.S., Vice-Chair
Pamela Dechmerowski, H.A.S.
Douglas Moore, H.A.S.
Thomas Hollern

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Robert Pickard, MD

BOARD STAFF PRESENT:

Janet Hartman, Executive Director
Eric Pottschmidt, MBA, Program Operations Administrator
John B. Fricke, Jr., Assistant Attorney General
Christina Shideler, Assistant General Counsel

COURT REPORTER:

For the Record - 850-222-5491

AGENDA

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 25, 2020

Motion: by Pamela Dechmerowski to approve August 25, 2020 Minutes

Second: by Randy Ellsworth

Vote: Passed Unanimously

PROSECUTOR'S REPORT – Christina Shideler, Assistant General Counsel

Cases in EAU:	1
Cases under legal review:	9
Cases where PC Recom made:	1
Total Cases where PC has been found:	1
Cases in holding status:	0
Cases pending before DOAH:	0
Cases Agendaed for Board:	2
Cases on Appeal:	0
Year Old Cases:	8
Total Cases open/active in PSU:	12

Motion: by Randy Ellsworth to allow PSU to continue to prosecute 1 year and older cases.

Second: by Pamela Dechmerowski.

Vote: Passed Unanimously



APPLICATIONS REQUIRING REVIEW

Austyn Lyons - Hearing Aid Specialist Trainee - Order Requiring Appearance

Janet Hartman presented case.

Austyn Lyons was not present when the application was presented and did not have legal representation.

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Pamela Dechmerowski to deny application.

Second: by Randy Ellsworth.

Vote: Passed Unanimously

REPORTS

Chair's Report - Leanne E. Polhill

Appointments

Probable Cause Panel

Discussion: Leanne Polhill asks Douglas Moore to be a past member for PCP.

After discussion, Leanne Polhill appoints Randy Ellsworth and Pamela Dechmerowski as PCP Co-Chairs.

Continuing Education Committee

After discussion, Leanne Polhill appoints Randy Ellsworth to Continuing Education Committee.

2021 Delegations

After discussion, the following action was taken:

Motion: by Randy Ellsworth to accept 2021 Delegations.

Second: by Pamela Dechmerowski.

Vote: Passed Unanimously

Vice Chair's Report - Randy Ellsworth

Discussion: No report. Shared thoughts on out-of-state companies buying out smaller in-state companies for hearing aid specialist courses and the possibility for the Board to start regulating these courses/companies.

Executive Director's Report – Janet Hartman

Nothing to report currently. Janet Hartman congratulates Douglas Moore on his years of service and gratitude for all his work over the years. Notifies Board that bills will start coming in shortly for the new legislative session.

Board Counsel Report - John B. Fricke, Jr.

Chapter 64B6-2, Chapter 64B6-3, Chapter 64B6-7, and Chapter 64B6-8.003(3)

During discussion it was brought up that Board staff would review the rules and make changes to be brought before the Board for adjustments and approval.



Rules Report

Nothing to report.

Law360 - SmileDirect Decision

Discussion: John B. Fricke, Jr wanted to bring to the attention of the Board about the case with SmileDirect and the antitrust risk for state boards.

Committee Report – Douglas Moore

Nothing to report.

RATIFICATIONS

Licenses Issued

Motion: by Randy Ellsworth to accept the ratification list for 3601

Second: by Doug Moore

Vote: Passed Unanimously

Motion: by Randy Ellsworth to accept the ratification list for 3603

Second: by Doug Moore

Vote: Passed Unanimously

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

OTC Hearing Amplifiers and Evidence of Hearing Loss, Sergio M. Guerreiro, AuD., F-AAA, CH-AP

Discussion: The Board discussed the future of OTC hearing amplifiers and marketing for these products.

ELECTIONS

Motion: by Doug Moore to accept nomination of Leanne E. Polhill as Chairperson of the Board.

Second: by Randy Ellsworth

Vote: Passes Unanimously

Motion: by Doug Moore to accept nomination of Randy Ellsworth as Vice-Chairperson of the Board.

Second: by Leanne E. Polhill

Vote: Passes Unanimously

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

No Report.

NEXT MEETING DATE – February 12, 2021 @ 9:00 A.M.- GoToMeeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

ADJOURNMENT @ 10:00 A.M. ET