

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS

October 12, 2018

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists was called to order by the Chair, Marc Brennan, at 1:01 p.m. in Lower Level Conference Room B, Nebraska State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were mailed to the Board members and other interested parties in accordance with the Public Meeting Law.

Brennan announced that it was a public meeting and the Open Meetings Law was posted.

The following members answered roll call:

Marc Brennan, Chair
Edward Granger, member
Misti Lutt-Chmiel, Vice-Chair
Sandra Miller, Secretary
Michael Pierce, member

Members Absent:

Aaron Robinson, member

Others Present:

Ami Huff, Assistant Attorney General
Claire Covert-ByBee, Program Manager, Licensure Unit
Antonio Carranza, Health Licensing Coordinator, Licensure Unit

A quorum was present and the meeting convened.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Pierce moved, seconded by Granger, to adopt the agenda. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Brennan, Granger, Lutt-Chmiel, Miller, Pierce (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Robinson (1). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (6-8-18)

MOTION: Granger moved, seconded by Lutt-Chmiel, to approve the minutes of 6-8-18. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Brennan, Granger, Lutt-Chmiel, Miller, Pierce (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Robinson (1). Motion carried.

4. CLOSED SESSION – (INVESTIGATIONS, APPLICATIONS, OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION)

MOTION: Lutt-Chmiel moved, seconded by Miller, to enter into closed session at 1:06 p.m. for the purpose of hearing discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Brennan, Granger, Lutt-Chmiel, Miller, Pierce (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Robinson (1). Motion carried.

MOTION: Lutt-Chmiel moved, seconded by Miller, to return to open session at 1:35 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Brennan, Granger, Lutt-Chmiel, Miller, Pierce (5). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: Robinson (1). Motion carried.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

There were no recommendations

6. MEDICAID CHANGES AFFECTING HEARING INSTRUMENT REIMBURSEMENT

The Board had asked Covert-Bybee to provide information regarding how Medicaid changes would affect hearing instrument reimbursement. She stated that there were no changes with state amendments or the federal bill at this time. The current fee schedule is being updated and it will mark changes for providers. That fee schedule update is expected to be released in a couple of months. She stated they are also working on a common prior authorization form for the managed care plans.

7. RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBER DR. MARK BRENNAN

Covert-Bybee presented a plaque to Brennan for recognition of his service to the board.

8. APPLICATION PROCESSING REPORT

The report was provided to the Board.

9. SCHEDULING 2019 MEETING DATES

The board approved the proposed meeting dates for 2019. There will be three meetings on the dates of February 8, 2019, June 14, 2019 and October 11, 2019.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Brennan declared the meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Miller, Secretary
Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists

Summarized by Antonio Carranza, Health Licensing Coordinator