

**Minutes of the November 8, 2019
Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists Meeting**

1. ROLL CALL

Dr. Aaron Robinson, Secretary, called the meeting of the Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists to order at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, November 8, 2019 in the Lower Level Conference Room B at the Nebraska State Office Building located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. The meeting was duly publicized by distribution of the Notice of Meeting and Agenda at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting and posting the agenda at the entrance of the Department of Health and Human Services Division of Public Health at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

Robinson announced that this is a public meeting and the Open Meetings Law is posted.

Members Present: The following members answered roll call:

Dr. Aaron Robinson, Secretary
Ed Granger, Member
Dr. Kelly Pritchett, Member
Mick Pierce, Member

Members Absent:

Misti Lutt-Chmiel, Chair
Dr. Sandra Miller, Vice-Chair

Others Present:

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

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Pritchett moved, seconded by Pierce to adopt the agenda. Voting aye: Granger, Pierce, Pritchett and Robinson. Voting nay: None. Absent: Lutt-Chmiel and Miller. Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 MINUTES

MOTION: Granger moved, seconded by Pritchett to approve the September 11, 2019 minutes as presented. Voting aye: Granger, Pierce, Pritchett and Robinson. Voting nay: None. Absent: Lutt-Chmiel and Miller. Motion carried.

4. INVESTIGATIONAL & CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION/REPORTS – CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Pierce moved, seconded by Pritchett to go into closed session at 1:33 p.m. to hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named

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or referenced in such discussions. Voting aye: Granger, Pierce, Pritchett and Robinson. Voting nay: None. Absent: Lutt-Chmiel and Miller. Motion carried.

5. BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS – OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Granger moved, seconded by Pritchett to return to open session at 1:59 p.m. Voting aye: Granger, Pierce, Pritchett and Robinson. Voting nay: None. Absent: Lutt-Chmiel and Miller. Motion carried.

6. DISCUSSION/RESPONSE TO COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING 172 NAC 75 PRACTICE OF HEARING AID INSTRUMENT DISPENSERS AND FITTERS

Covert-ByBee advised there were no comments made at the public hearing for the Board to respond to.

7. ADOPTION OF 172 NAC 75 PRACTICE OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS

Covert-ByBee gave an overview of the next steps. After the board adopts the regulations they will be submitted to the Board of Health, once approved they will then go to the Chief Medical Officer for approval, then the Attorney General's office, the Governor's office, and lastly will go to the Secretary of State's office for final approval. At any point during the process if there is an issue identified the regulations can be returned to the starting point.

MOTION: Pierce moved, seconded by Pritchett to adopt 172 NAC 75 Practice of Hearing Instrument Specialists as written. Voting aye: Granger, Pierce, Pritchett and Robinson. Voting nay: None. Absent: Lutt-Chmiel and Miller. Motion carried.

8. APPLICATION PROCESSING REPORT

Covert-ByBee presented an application processing report, this was for informational purposes only.

9. SCHEDULE MEETINGS FOR 2020

The Board scheduled three meetings for 2020, February 28, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., June 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. and October 16, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

10. VOLUNTEERS TO ADMINISTER PRACTICAL EXAMS FOR 2020

Granger volunteered to administer practical exams at the February and June meetings. Pritchett volunteered to shadow in February. The Department will reach out to Miller and Lutt-Chmiel to provide additional coverage.

11. TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING

Suggested topics for the next meeting included a regulations update, reviewing the practical exam and scope of practice discussion.

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12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Aaron Robinson, Secretary