Minutes of the Meeting
Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists
October 23, 2026

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Roll Call

Cameron Ellison, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Board of Hearing Instrument Specialists to order at 9:07 am on October 23, 2026, in the Morrill Conference Room at the Nebraska State Office Building located at 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1411 of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act, copies of the revised agenda were e-mailed to the Board members and other interested parties, posted on the DHHS web site at https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Agendas-and-Minutes.aspx, and posted in the Nebraska State Office Building East Vestibule on October 13, 2026.

Ellison announced that this is an Open Meeting, and the Open Meetings Act is posted.

Members Present

Cameron Ellison, HIS, COHC, Chairperson
Tomeka Johnson, Secretary
Dr. Nicole Kopetzky, AuD
Scott Jones, BC-HIS, CPD, Vice-Chairperson

Members Absent

Dr. Aaron Robinson, MD

Staff Present

Amy Blinston, Program Manager
Kim Hitzel, Health Licensing Coordinator
TJ O'Neill, Assistant Attorney General
Ellie Rohr, DHHS Legal Attorney

2. Adoption of Agenda

Kopetzky moved, Johnson seconded to adopt the revised agenda. Voting aye: Jones, Kopetzky, Ellison, Johnson. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Kopetzky moved, seconded by Jones, to approve the draft minutes from the September 23, 2026, meeting. Voting aye: Kopetzky, Jones, Johnson, and Ellison. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

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4. Closed Session

Kopetzky moved, seconded by Johnson, to move into closed session at 9:12 a.m. to hear discussions regarding confidential information and to protect the reputation of individuals named or referenced in such discussions. Voting aye: Jones, Kopetzky, Ellison, Johnson. Voting nay: none. Motion carried.

5. Board Recommendations

Board returned to open session at 10:08 am. There were no Board recommendations.

6. Licensure Application Processing Report

Blinston stated that this report is a snapshot in time of licensure activity created for information purposes only.

7. Topics for Next Meeting

Topics for the next meeting include the Licensure Application Processing Report, Schedule 2027 Meetings and Exams, Student Outreach, Associate Degree Programs, and Public Comment.

8. Public Comment

There were no Public Comments.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

(signature on file)
Tomeka Johnson, Secretary

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