

STATE COMMITTEE OF EXAMINERS IN THE FITTING AND DISPENSING OF HEARING INSTRUMENTS  
EXAMINATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
Thursday, February 23, 2006, 2:00 p.m.  
Department of State Health Services  
Exchange Building, Room S-402  
8407 Wall Street  
Austin, Texas 78754

MINUTES

**Subcommittee Members Present:**

Ronald Ensweller, Chair  
Richard Davila II  
Ken Earl  
Ken Haesly

**Subcommittee Members Absent:**

Jerome Kosoy, M.D.  
Sara Garza

**DSHS Staff Present:**

Joyce Parsons  
David Richards  
Eileen Hartman  
Becky Evers  
Mireya Uribe-Warren  
Kathy Perkins  
Debbie Peterson  
Stephen Mills  
Stewart Myrick

**Guests Present:**

Kerry Ormson  
Scott Pospisil  
Ray Jones  
James Zukowski  
Rose Minnette  
Audrey McDonald  
Jose Espinoza  
Ben Norris

**Agenda Item 1** was the call to order by Mr. Ensweller, Chair at 2:02 p.m.

**Agenda Item 2** was the introduction of guests.

**Agenda Item 3** was public comment. Ray Jones made comments regarding the exam study guide. No action was taken.

**Agenda Item 4** was review and approval of subcommittee report of the meeting held on October 20, 2005. A motion was made by Mr. Earl to approve the minutes as revised. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 5** was the discussion and possible action regarding Attorney General's Opinion No. GA-0382 – Standards applicable to the State Committee of Examiners in the Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments in Conducting Examinations. The opinion was discussed at length. No action was taken.

**Agenda Item 6** was the discussion and possible action regarding the validation of the Committee's practical examination by James Zukowski, Ed.D. Dr. Zukowski discussed examination validation, reliability, and administration. No action was taken.

**Agenda Item 7** was the discussion and possible action regarding the Committee offering the International Licensing Examination (ILE) practical. Mr. Davila reported that this examination has not been validated. No action was taken.

**Agenda Item 8** was the discussion and possible action regarding reviewing and updating the current Examination Study Guide. The staff will update the guide. No action was taken.

**Agenda Item 9** was the discussion and possible action regarding the questions that comprise the practical examination. No action was taken.

**Agenda Item 10** was the discussion and possible action regarding using the current Examination Study Guide vs. the candidate manual and study guide by ILE. No action was taken.

**Agenda Item 11** was the discussion and possible action regarding the examination administered to Carl Edwards at the October 2005 practical examination. No action was taken.

**Agenda Item 12** was the discussion and possible action regarding staff recommendations for examiner's guidelines. Eileen Hartman presented the recommendations. The guidelines will be revised and presented for approval at the next subcommittee meeting.

**Agenda Item 13** was the discussion and possible action regarding payment to non-committee member examiners. Mr. Davila made a motion to compensate non-committee member examiners \$85 per calendar day. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Agenda Item 14** was the discussion and possible action regarding comments and final adoption of proposed amendments to 22 Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 141, as they relate to the work of the subcommittee. No action was taken, as this item was deferred to the full committee.

**Agenda Item 15** was the announcements and subcommittee member(s) comments not requiring subcommittee action. No action was taken.

**Agenda Item 16** was the adjournment of the meeting. Mr. Ensweiler moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 2:05 p.m.

Approved by the subcommittee on February 7, 2008.  
Ronald Ensweiler, Chair