

STATE COMMITTEE OF EXAMINERS IN THE FITTING AND DISPENSING OF HEARING INSTRUMENTS  
REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, September 25, 2013, 1:30 p.m.  
Department of State Health Services  
Exchange Building, Room N-102  
8407 Wall Street  
Austin, Texas 78754

MINUTES

**Members Present:**

William McCrae, Presiding Officer, Professional Member  
Jesse Rangel, Professional Member  
Amy Trost, Professional Member  
Carla Hoffman, Professional Member  
Gary Haun, Professional Member  
James Leffingwell, M.D., Physician Member  
Cindy Steinbart, Public Member

**Members Absent:**

Barbara Willy, Public Member

**Staff Present:**

Joyce Parsons  
Dawn Burton  
Carol Miller  
Cindy Bourland  
Alice Bradford  
Nerissa Andrews

**Public Present:**

Ken Haesly  
Ray Jones  
Adam Aseron

**Agenda item 1** was the call to order. The meeting was called to order by Mr. McCrae at 1:35 p.m.

**Agenda item 2** was introduction of members, staff, and guests.

**Agenda item 3** was public comment. Comments were made by Mr. Jones.

**Agenda item 4** was the review and approval of minutes from committee meeting held May 15, 2013. Ms. Trost made a motion to approve the minutes as modified. The motion was seconded by Mr. Norris and passed.

The Committee went into executive session at 1:42 p.m. The Committee reconvened at 2:19 p.m.

**Agenda item 5** was the discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to, and the review of, Title 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 141, §141.2 concerning Definitions.

**Agenda item 6** was the discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to, and the review of,

Title 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 141, §141.6 concerning the Application Procedures.

**Agenda item 7** was the discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to, and the review of, Title 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 141, §141.8 concerning Issuance of Permits.

**Agenda item 8** was the discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to, and the review of, Title 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 141, §141.9 concerning Issuance of Licenses.

**Agenda item 9** was the discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to, and the review of, Title 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 141, §141.11 concerning Filing a Bond.

**Agenda item 10** was the discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to, and the review of, Title 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 141, §141.13 concerning Renewal of License.

**Agenda item 11** was the discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to, and the review of, Title 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 141, §141.15 concerning the Examination.

**Agenda item 12** was the discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to, and the review of, Title 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 141, §141.16 concerning Conditions of Sales.

**Agenda item 13** was the discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to, and the review of, Title 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 141, §141.17 concerning Complaints and Violations.

**Agenda item 14** was the discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to, and the review of, Title 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 141, §141.18 concerning Formal Hearings.

**Agenda item 15** was the discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to, and the review of, Title 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 141, §141.20 concerning Informal Disposition.

Ms. Hoffman made a motion to approve the proposed amendments to 22 TAC §§141.2, 141.6, 141.8 - 141.9, 141.11, 141.13, 141.15 - 141.18, and 141.20 as modified. The motion was seconded by Ms. Steinbart and passed.

**Agenda item 16** was the discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to, and the review of, Title 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 141, §141.31 concerning Petition for Adoption of a Rule. Ms. Trost made a motion to approve the proposed amendments for rule 22 TAC §141.31. The motion was seconded by Mr. Haun and passed.

**Agenda item 17** was the discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to, and the review of, Title 22 Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Chapter 141, §141.30 concerning Joint Rules for Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing Instruments by Telepractice. Ms. Steinbart made a motion to table the proposed amendments. The motion was seconded by Mr. Haun and passed.

**Agenda item 18** was to set meeting dates for 2014. The dates are January 22, 2014, May 14, 2014, and September 24, 2014.

**Agenda item 19** was the election of the assistant presiding officer. Ms. Hoffman made a motion to elect Mr. Norris as assistant presiding officer. The motion was seconded by Ms. Trost and passed.

**Agenda item 20** was the Committee Chair Report and update concerning current challenges and accomplishments; interaction with stakeholders, state officials, and staff; subcommittee appointments and functions; workload of committee members; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the committee. The report was made by Mr. McCrae regarding the concerns of the committee.

**Agenda item 21** was the Executive Director's Report and update concerning program operations; current and/or historical licensee statistics; media, legislative, and stakeholder contacts and concerns; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the licensure program. The report was made by Ms. Parsons regarding the program operations of the committee.

**Agenda item 22** was the Management Report and update from the Professional Licensing and Certification Unit (PLCU), Department of State Health Services, including program costs and revenue; status of rulemaking within the unit; legislative and media contacts and tracking; and general information regarding the routine functioning of the unit. The report was made by Ms. Bourland regarding the PLCU's programs operations.

**Agenda item 23** was items for future consideration.

**Agenda item 24** was the adjournment. Mr. McCrae adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

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William McCrae, Chair, Professional Member

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Date

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Joyce Parsons, Executive Director

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