



Arkansas Board of Hearing Instrument Dispensers

Regular Meeting
Friday, August 9, 2024, 10:30 a.m.
Freeway Medical Tower, Room 906

Meeting Minutes

Attendees Present:

- Vicki Howard, Chair & Licensed Hearing Instrument Dispenser
- Kerry Shuffield, Secretary/Treasurer & Licensed Hearing Instrument Dispenser
- Nathan Darby, Vice Chair, Licensed Hearing Instrument Dispenser
- Dr. Kelley Linton, Audiologist
- Timothy Kajdan
- Michael Bynum, Board Counsel; Arkansas Attorney General's Office

Others Present:

- Kerry Krell, Interim Board Administrator

A quorum was established.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Board Chair Vicki Howard at 10:30 a.m.

Review of Meeting Minutes

April 5-The Board reviewed minutes from the regular meeting held on April 5. Kerry Shuffield motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Nathan Darby. Motion carried.

April 29-The Board reviewed the minutes from the special virtual meeting held on April 29. Kerry Shuffield noted errors regarding who was in attendance. Kerry Shuffield motioned to approve the minutes with corrections; seconded by Nathan Darby. Motion carried.

Review of Board Financial Statements and 2024-2025 Fee Schedule

No discussion: Kerry Shuffield motioned to approve review of financial statements; seconded by Nathan Darby. Motion carried.

Continuing Education Course Approvals

The Board reviewed the continuing education course materials provided to them in their packet.

2024 I.H.S. Conference and Expo

Approved the following courses/sessions for CEU; Kerry Shuffield motioned; Nathan Darby seconded; motion carried.

-The Hearing Benefits of an On-Board Deep Neural Network

- Navigating Patient Concerns and Empowering Patients on their Hearing Journey to Cochlear Implant
- CEO Panel: A discussion with industry leaders
- I.H.S. Membership Meeting
- Asking the right questions: understanding your patient's health history, hearing loss, and comorbid risk factors
- Using Outcome Measures to Strengthen Your Practice
- Let's Make it Easy: When, Why, and How to Readjust the Fitting

Denied the following courses/sessions CEUs; Kerry Shuffield motioned; Nathan Darby seconded; motion carried.

- Chapter Leadership Conference
- Introduction to Caption Call
- Walk, Learn & Earn CEU (all three sessions)
- Aim Higher to Accelerate your business
- Every Word Matters
- Managed Care Yes or No: the Yes Panel
- Managed Care Yes or No: the No Panel
- Industry Update 2024

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Approved the following courses for CEU; motioned by Kerry Shuffield; seconded by Nathan Darby, motion carried.

- Diagnosing and Treating Patients with Memory Impairments
- Infection Control Strategies

Denied the following courses CEU due to insufficient course content description:

- Awareness and Prevention of Medical Errors

Widex

Approved the following courses for CEU valid on courses taken 8/9/2024-12/31/2024; motioned by Kerry Shuffield; seconded by Tim Kajdan; motion carried.

- Supporting the Entire Hearing Journey: the Widex Sound Philosophy
- Smart Advancements in Hearing Technology
- Exploring Enhancements in Hearing Care

Beltone Electronics

Approved the following courses for CEU valid on courses taken 9/19-11/20/2024); Motioned by Kerry Shuffield; seconded by Nathan Darby; motion carried.

- Hearing in Noise
- Beltone's New Mutli Mic+
- _Beltone Features
- Solus Max
- Beltone Hearing Aid Update

Sivantos

Approved the following courses for CEUs

Motioned by Kerry Shuffield; seconded by Nathan Darby; motion carried.

- Signia's Products and Connexx Meeting the Wearer Needs-1 CEU-9/30/2024
- Signia: Wearer Preferences and Performance Level Features-1 CEU-9/30/2024, 12/03/2024, 10/12/2024, 12/12/2024
- Signia Hearing Performance in Options Patients Want to Hear-2 CEUs-9/30/2024
- Signia's IX Technology Tier Updates-1 CEU-9/30/2024
- Understanding Practice Metrics in a changing Hearing Health Field-1 CEU-9/30/2024

Internship Applications

The Board briefly reviewed Dax Clatworthy's internship application. Brad Jackson, sponsor of Dax Clatworthy, discussed some of the errors that were on the previous application. Mr. Jackson clarified that the internship would be taking place in Arkansas at the Sherwood location and that the corrected application should show the Sherwood location. The Board questioned whether Mr. Jackson would be able to supervise Mr. Clatworthy given the nature of Mr. Jackson's job; Mr. Jackson indicated that he would be able to physically supervise Dax for the duration and time required of the internship. Kerry Shuffield motioned to approve Dax Clatworthy's internship; seconded by Dr. Kelley Linton, motion carried.

Oriana Warner: The Board indicated they reviewed her application and had no questions; Nathan Darby motioned to approve; seconded by Kerry Shuffield, motion carried.

Courtney Bruno: The Board indicated they reviewed her application. The Board discussed any precedence of hour requirements specifically related to whether 60 hours is equivalent to "2 years of college" as described by the Rules. To the Board's knowledge and memory, there has not been a specific hour requirement though the Board has generally understood 60 hours to be equivalent to 2 years; however, full time course loads are generally only 12 hours, which would equate to 48 hours over two years with no summer sessions. Kerry Shuffield motioned to approve the internship; seconded by Dr./ Kelley Linton; motion carried.

Executive Session to discuss tympanometry exam

Tim Kajdan motioned to go into executive session; seconded by Nathan Darby. Executive Session began at 11:53 a.m.; all guests left the room. Tim Kajdan motioned to end Executive session; seconded by Dr. Kelley Linton, motioned carried. The Board resumed the regular meeting at 12:32 p.m. and guests were allowed to return.

Fee for Tymp Test

The Board discussed whether a separate fee would need to be required if a tympanometry test was added to the practicum. The Board discussed that it would require a Rule change, which would be a lengthy process. The Board did not take action to change any fee or separate the audiometric/tympanometry test. The tests will remain combined; a failure of one part will require a retake of both.

Officer Elections

Nathan Darby motioned to keep the officers the same; seconded by Kerry Shuffield.

Motioned carried. The Board re-appointed Vicki Howard as Chair; Nathan Darby as Vice Chair, and Kerry Shuffield and Secretary/Treasurer.

Adjourn

Dr. Kelley Linton motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Tim Kajdan; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:50.