

TENNESSEE COUNCIL FOR LICENSING HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS

DATE: January 20, 2017

TIME: 9:00 A.M., CT

LOCATION: Health Related Boards
Poplar Room, Ground Floor
665 Mainstream Dr
Nashville, TN 37243

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Randy Williams, Hearing Instrument Specialist
Jerry Hall, Hearing Instrument Specialist
Frederick Rayne, M.D
Lordy Dell Smith, Consumer Member

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Thomas Stewart, Hearing Instrument Specialist, Council Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director
Charles Custer, Board Administrator
Hannah Lanford, Office of General Counsel

Mr. Williams called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. By roll call, it was determined that a quorum was present. Mr. Williams turned the meeting over to Mr. Custer.

Minutes

The Council reviewed the minutes from the September 23, 2016 meeting. Dr. Rayne made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to accept the minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Office of General Counsel

Ms. Lanford presented the following OGC report to the Council:

Legislation

There is no new legislation affecting the Council at this time.

Rule Activity

Changes to Rules 1370-02-.01, .04, .05, .06, .08, .09, and .14 regarding definitions, preliminary qualifications for licensure, procedures for licensure, fees, apprentice examinations, renewal of license, and apprentice training programs are currently in the internal review process. Ms. Lanford advised that the process is moving so that we may be able to have a rulemaking hearing at the next Council meeting, on May 12, 2017.

Disciplinary Activity

The Office of General Counsel currently has **two** (2) open cases. There are no cases to present to the Council today, nor any that have been appealed to the Chancery Court.

Investigative Report

Nichelle Dorroh, from the Office of Investigations advised the Council that there are currently **eleven** (11) cases open, and the Investigations department is currently monitoring **four** (4) disciplined practitioners.

Financial Report

Butch Jack, representing the Fiscal department, presented the financial report for Year End 2016.

Administrative Report

Mr. Custer presented the Administrator's report to the Council, which also included a report on the current status of the Council Operations Fee. Mr. Custer advised that there are currently a total of 145 licensed practitioners, and 28 licensed apprentices.

Mr. Custer also presented a report on the progress of the exams.

Mr. Custer advised the Council that the Tennessee Hearing Society annual meeting in Pigeon Forge is scheduled for the weekend of May 20, 2017. Mr. Custer stated that in past years, the Council has voted to send members of the administrative staff to the conference to assist in answering questions. Dr. Rayne made a motion, seconded by Ms. Smith, to send administrative staff to the conference. The motion carried.

Mr. Custer presented the list of scheduled Council meetings for 2017.

New Licenses

Dr. Rayne made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hall, to accept the list of new licenses. The motion carried.

New Applicants

1	Jonathan	Abernathy	891	4	Sonya	Hilton	905	7	Adrienne	Tarnoff	885
2	Timothy	Conner	888	5	Mitchel	Hubert	890	8	Allen	Wasmund	903
3	Mehak	Dewji	886	6	Jennifer	Redisi	862				

Adjourn

With no other Council business to conduct, Mr. Hall made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rayne, to adjourn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Ratified by the Council of Hearing Instrument Specialists on May 12, 2017