

# TENNESSEE COUNCIL FOR LICENSING HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS

DATE: February 1, 2019  
TIME: 10:00 A.M., CT  
LOCATION: Health Related Boards  
Poplar Room, Ground Floor  
665 Mainstream Dr.  
Nashville, TN 37243

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT: Jackie Miller, Hearing Instrument Specialist, Chair  
Bruce L. Fetterman, M.D

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

ABSENT: Dr. David Levy, Audiologist  
Lordy D. Smith, Consumer Member  
Vacant

## STAFF

PRESENT: Christie Taylor, Board Attorney  
Teddy Wilkins, Unit Director  
Michele Tamayo, Board Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m. by Mr. Miller. A roll call was taken, a quorum was not present.

Ms. Wilkins pointed out that due to an error on the website the meeting was delayed until 10 o'clock, and thanked those in attendance for waiting.

## Minutes

Minutes were not able to be ratified due to lack of quorum.

## Investigative Report

Lori Leonard, Disciplinary Coordinator for all non-nursing Boards presented the following report;

There were five (5) total complaints for 2018, of the five (5) all were for unprofessional conduct. Four (4) were closed with no action.

As of December 31, 2018 there were five (5) open complaints being reviewed or investigated. Currently monitored, only one licensee is under probation. His probation is now up and he should petition the Board for an Order of Compliance.

## **Office of General Counsel**

Ms. Christie Taylor presented the following OGC report:

### **Conflict of Interest Policy for Board Members**

Ms. Taylor reviewed the Conflict of Interest Policy and the Open Meetings Act with the Council.

### **Disciplinary Activity**

There are no open cases in the Office of General Counsel.

Ms. Wilkins reminded the Board to please sign the Conflict of Interest Policy within their packet. A new one must be signed each year.

## **Administrative Report**

Ms. Tamayo presented the following Administrator's report to the Council and stated that there are currently a total of 168 licensed practitioners, and 45 licensed apprentices.

Ms. Tamayo stated between September 26, 2018 and January 31, 2019 there were eight (8) new licensees, three (3) new apprentices, and twenty-four (24) renewals. Of those eighteen (18) renewed online. Further, zero (0) retired; zero (0) reinstated; and two (2) expired.

Board meetings remaining for 2019 are as follows:

### **2019 Council Meeting Dates:**

May 17, 2019

September 20, 2019

Ms. Wilkins proposed shifting the first meeting of the year to the last part of February or beginning of March due to the weather in January and beginning of February. The change would take place in 2020.

## **New Licensees**

Due to lack of a quorum no licenses were ratified at this time.

## **Reinstatements**

Due to lack of a quorum no reinstatements were ratified.

## **New Business**

Mr. Miller stated that the council would like to propose a law change to recognize the NBC-HIS credential which is a two year program as equal to the current two year education requirement.

Ms. Taylor informed the Board since this is a statute change and not just a rule change it would have to be handled with outside counsel through a lobbyist or organization that represent the Council for Hearing Instrument Specialists.

### **Adjourn**

With no other Council business to conduct, Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:16 a.m.