

COMMITTEE OF HEARING AID DEALER EXAMINERS
Indiana Government Center South
302 West Washington Street
Conference Center Room 5
Indianapolis, IN 46204

MINUTES OF JANUARY 14, 2026

Karin Schmidt, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and declared a quorum in accordance with IC 25-20-1-1.5(b), pursuant to public notice posted at the principal office of the committee and on the committee's website and state calendar at least forty-eight (48) hours before the time of the meeting.

Members Present: Karin Schmidt, Chair
Anthony Gigli, Consumer Member
Sean Norris, Member

Member Absent: Debra Beard, Member

Staff Present: Jody Edens, Board Director
Professional Licensing Agency
Adam Harvey, Deputy Attorney General
Attorney General's Office

The Committee voted to adopt the agenda as amended.

Gigli/Norris, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Anthony Gigli, Karin Schmidt, Sean Norris
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

The Committee voted to adopt January 22, 2025, and July 23, 2025 minutes as written.

Gigli/Norris, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Anthony Gigli, Karin Schmidt, Sean Norris
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

At the October 7, 2025 practical examination, Vicki Fisher, Chair announced her retirement and resignation from the Committee. The Committee Members and Staff wished Vicki well in her retirement and thanked her for her years of service. She will be missed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were voted into office for a one-year term beginning January 2026:

- Karin Schmidt, Chair
- Debbie Beard, Vice Chair
- Anthony Gigli, AG complaints

Gigli/Norris, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Sean Norris, Anthony Gigli, Karin Schmidt
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

PERSONAL APPEARANCES

Wendy Ceja Mendoza – Initial Application – Failed Exam Twice:

Wendy appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a initial application as she failed the written exam twice. Her HAD trainer: Anthony Gao also appeared.

The Committee was informed that she is doing on the job training and reviewing all the books again.

After discussion, the Committee moved to APPROVE Ms. Ceja-Mendoza to take the written exam again.

Gigli/Norris, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:

Sean Norris, Anthony Gigli, Karin Schmidt
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

David Watts – Initial Application – Failed Exam Twice:

David appeared in person and was not represented by counsel regarding a initial application as he failed the written exam twice. His HAD trainer: Diane Wood also appeared.

The Committee was informed that he is doing the ILE prep and will do the new one that is coming out.

After discussion, the Committee moved to APPROVE Mr. Watts to take the written exam again.

Gigli/Norris, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Sean Norris, Anthony Gigli, Karin Schmidt
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

DISCUSSION

- Late Fee Rule – Ms. Edens explained that we have always had the \$50 late fee but now it must be listed into all Board's fee rules.

After discussion, the Committee voted to APPROVE the \$50 late fee rule.

Schmidt/Gigli, 3/0/0
Motion carries

The following board members voted aye:
Sean Norris, Anthony Gigli, Karin Schmidt
The following board members voted nay: none
The following board members abstained: none

- Practical Testing Materials for Audiometric Oral – Karin has taken it upon herself to go through the Audiometric Oral examination questions as they really need updated. She has marked some of the questions that need to be taken out and came up with some suggestions on what they can use as replacement questions.

Ms. Edens will scan the information and email it out to all members to go over.
They can bring their suggestions to the Committee's next meeting.

There being no further business the Committee adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Karin Schmidt, HAD, Vice Chair