President Reder called the meeting to order at 11:19AM MT.

CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: The Board welcomed new legal counsel Scott Roetzel, Assistant Attorney General.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Decker moved and Smith seconded to approve the minutes from March 27, 2017. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FY FINANCIAL UPDATE: Lesselyoung reported fiscal year-end figures as of June 30, 2017; revenue of $27,711.60, expenses of $23,136.66 and cash balance of $85,858.12. Lesselyoung reported year to date figures as of July 31, 2017; revenue of $4,200.00, expenses of $3,632.61 and cash balance of $86,425.51. French moved and Decker seconded to approve financials as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

COMPLAINTS/INVESTIGATIONS: None

DISCUSSION OF OVER THE COUNTER HEARING AID LEGISLATION: Discussion was held on the topic of OTC Hearing Aid Legislation and impact on licensure. Decker updated the Board on the current legislation and discussion was held on the fact that state licensure boards will not be able to override any of the federal regulation.
APPLICABILITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA HEARING AID DISPENSER LAWS TO LEASING ARRANGEMENT: Discussion was held on the letter that was received in the Board office relating to the applicability of South Dakota’s laws regulating Hearing Aid Dispensers to their company’s business model involving leasing hearing aids. The Board discussed the letter and decided with legal counsel that they cannot provide private legal advice.

CODE OF CONDUCT—FYI: Tellinghuisen updated the Board on the code of conduct from the State that will be eventually asked to adopt by all boards and commissions once it’s finalized.

RENEWAL UPDATE: Lesselyoung updated the Board on the recent renewal period as to how many renewed, how many new licenses were issued in FY 2017 and how many did not renew during the recent renewal period.

BOARD MEMBER TERM UPDATE: The Board held a discussion on the Board member terms as French’s term expires in October and she is not eligible for reappointment. Reder made the motion and Smith seconded to nominate Decker as the educational review officer for applications. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

UPGRADES TO PRACTICAL EXAM: Decker presented to the Board the proposed update to the appearance of the practicum exam. The Board agreed to allow him to update all sections for future practicum testing.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS COMING IN BETWEEN DATE OF MAILING AND DATE OF MEETING: Tellinghuisen led a brief discussion on the national conference she and Lesselyoung attended in New Orleans for the Board of Speech Language Pathology and FYI’s for licensure Boards.

SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING: The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for February 26, 2018 via teleconference.

French moved and Smith seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 PM MT. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Louise French
Secretary/Treasurer