

BEFORE THE STATE OF WASHINGTON
OFFICE OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

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In the Matter of)

IMMANUEL BAAH,)

Applicant.)

Docket No. 15-0135

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NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: Immanuel Baah
14316 50th Ave SE
Everett, WA 98208

COPY TO: Mike Kreidler, Insurance Commissioner
James T. Odiorne, J.D., CPA, Chief Deputy Insurance Commissioner
John F. Hamje, Deputy Commissioner, Consumer Protection Division
Jeff Baughman, Licensing Manager, Consumer Protection Division
Mandy Weeks, Insurance Enforcement Specialist, Legal Affairs Division
AnnaLisa Gellermann, Deputy Commissioner, Legal Affairs Division
Office of the Insurance Commissioner
PO Box 40255
Olympia, WA 98504-0255

This Notice is provided pursuant to RCW 48.04.010 and RCW 34.05.434.

On February 10, 2015, Cheryl Penn, ACP, Licensing Compliance Supervisor, Office of the Insurance Commissioner ("OIC"), emailed Immanuel Baah, informing him that his application for a Washington insurance producer's license had been denied ("Denial Letter"). Ms. Penn stated that the denial was pursuant to RCW 48.17.530(1)(a), which gives the OIC the authority to deny a license to anyone who has provided incorrect, misleading, incomplete, or materially untrue information in a license application. The Denial Letter states that Mr. Baah failed to disclose a 2007 gross misdemeanor conviction for theft.

On May 10, 2015, Mr. Baah emailed a Demand for Hearing ("Demand") to the Hearings Unit, filed May 11, 2015, requesting that the OIC's denial be reversed. Mr. Baah stated that he did not disclose the theft conviction because he was not aware that it was still on his record.

On June 4, 2015, the undersigned held a first prehearing conference. The OIC was represented by Mandy Weeks, Attorney at Law, Insurance Enforcement Specialist in the OIC's Legal Affairs Division. Mr. Baah appeared pro se.

The OIC expects to call Ms. Penn as a witness. Mr. Baah may testify on his own behalf, but does not expect to call other witnesses.

By June 23, 2015, the parties shall exchange copies of any documents they expect to offer into evidence at the evidentiary hearing. Any documents so provided should also be provided to the Hearings Unit at the address below.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that an evidentiary hearing will be held at the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, 5000 Capitol Blvd., Tumwater, WA, beginning Tuesday, June 30, 2015, at 10 a.m., Pacific Time. The hearing is expected to conclude on the same day, but will continue until terminated. The purpose of the hearing is to consider whether the OIC's denial of Mr. Baah's application for a Washington resident insurance producer's license should be upheld.

The hearing will be governed by the Administrative Procedure Act, Chapter 34.05 RCW, and the model rules of procedure contained in Chapter 10-08 WAC. All parties may be represented and may examine witnesses, respond, and present evidence and argument on all relevant issues.

A party who fails to attend or participate in the hearing or another stage of this proceeding may be held in default in accordance with Chapter 34.05 RCW. *See*, RCW 34.05.434(2)(i).

William Pardee, Presiding Officer, has been designated by the Insurance Commissioner to hear and determine this matter. The hearing will be held under the authority granted by the Insurance Commissioner under Chapter 48.04 RCW.

Pursuant to WAC 10-08-040(2) and in accordance with Ch. 2.42 RCW, if a limited English speaking or hearing impaired or speech impaired party or witness needs an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed. There will be no cost to the party or witness therefore, except as may be provided by Ch. 2.42 RCW. A Request for Interpreter form, with instructions, is attached to the original of this Notice.

All case related documents and correspondence shall be directed to the Hearings Unit, Office of Insurance Commissioner, P.O. Box 40255, Olympia, Washington 98504-0255. All interested individuals and entities who have questions or concerns concerning this proceeding should direct them to the Hearings Unit paralegal, Kelly Cairns, at the same address. Ms. Cairns' telephone number is (360) 725-7002.

Dated: June 5, 2015

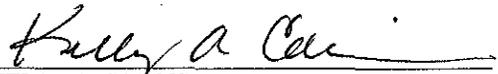


WILLIAM PARDEE
Presiding Officer

Declaration of Mailing

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that on the date listed below, I mailed or caused delivery through normal office mailing custom, a true copy of this document to the following people at their addresses listed above: Immanuel Baah, Mike Kreidler, James T. Odiorne, J.D., CPA, John F. Hamje., Jeff Baughman, Mandy Weeks, and AnnaLisa Gellermann.

DATED this 5th day of June, 2015.


KELLY A. CAIRNS

OFFICE OF INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
HEARINGS UNIT
Fax: (360) 664-2782

To request an interpreter, complete and mail this form to:

Presiding Officer
Hearings Unit
Office of Insurance Commissioner
P.O. Box 40255
Olympia, WA 98504-0255

REQUEST FOR INTERPRETER

I am a party or witness in Matter No. 15-0135 before the Insurance Commissioner. I NEED AN INTERPRETER and request that one be furnished.

Please check the statements that apply to you:

I am a non-English-speaking person. I cannot readily speak or understand the English language. My primary language is _____ (insert your primary language). I need an interpreter who can translate to and from the primary language and English.

I am unable to readily understand or communicate the spoken English language because:

- I am deaf.
- I have an impairment of hearing.
- I have an impairment of speech.

[Please state below or on the reverse side any details which would assist the Commissioner or Presiding Officer in arranging for a suitable interpreter or in providing appropriate mechanical or electronic amplification, viewing, or communication equipment.]

Date: _____ Signed: _____

Please print or type your name: _____
Address: _____
Telephone: _____