

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2009**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Dispensing Opticians was held on Wednesday March 18, 2009, in Room 102 of the office of the Secretary of State at the Professional Licensing Boards' Office at 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Glenn Morris, Chairman
Steve Sanford, Vice-Chair
Diane Drake, Cognizant
Thomas Schulz
Dave Meldrum.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Randall Vaughn, Division Director, Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, Craig Fluck, Examination Analyst III, Jim Cleghorn, Business Analyst, Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General, Tanya Marcus, Licensure Analyst, and Diane W. Patterson, Administrative Assistant

STAFF MEMEBERS ABSENT:

Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist

Mr. Morris established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Examination Outsource Discussion (Continued):

Randall Vaughn, Division Director, continued discussion regarding the Division's outsourcing of the remaining practical and jurisprudence examinations for all Boards. Ms. Drake stated she would review all the requirements as outlined in the "Request for Quote" to assure they are current. Ms. Drake will communicate directly with Mr. Vaughn. Mr. Vaughn assured the Board of their continued involvement in their exam, although now the involvement may include the vendor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Meldrum moved, Drake seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2009, as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

Public Hearing: Amendment posted to Board rule 420-9-.01 Continuing Education for License Renewal

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
RULE 420-9-.01 CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR LICENSE RENEWALS**

Purpose: To update the number of continuing education hours obtained via the internet

Main Features: **To update the existing rule to state of the ten (10) required hours, no more than five (5) hours may be obtained via the internet.**

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS**

RULE 420-9-.01 CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR LICENSE RENEWALS

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

420-9-.01 Continuing Education for License Renewals. Amended.

(1) Continuing Education courses totaling at least ten (10) hours shall be required for the biennial renewal of licenses. Of the ten (10) hours, a minimum of two (2) hours shall be in the area of contact lenses. Of the ten (10) hours, no more than ~~two (2)~~ five (5) hours may be obtained via the internet.

(2) With his/her application for license renewal, each licensed dispensing optician must submit a certificate or certificates of attendance for course hours completed as proof that his/her education requirements have been satisfied.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-29-3, 43-29-6, 43-29-11

Ms. Drake moved, Mr. Schulz seconded, and the Board voted to adopt Rule 420-9-.01 Continuing Education for License Renewals as posted. None opposed, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

No report presented

Board Policy:

Board discussion regarding counting of educational hours toward apprenticeship hours required. Following discussion, the Board voted to adopt the following policy regarding educational clock hours:

Clock Hours obtained from a Board recognized program of opticianary may count toward, be recognized, in conjunction with apprenticeship hours.

Sanford moved, Schulz seconded, and the Board voted to accept the above policy as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Sanford moved, Meldrum seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C. G. A. 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), 43-1-2(k) (3) (4) , 43-1-2(k) (4) and 50-14-4(b) to deliberate on applications, receive the Enforcement, Attorney General’s and Cognizant reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members: Morris, Sanford, Schulz, Drake, and Meldrum.

APPLICATIONS:

Drake moved, Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Exam:

Gilbert, Christopher L.	Approved for licensure
G.L.	Approved to sit practical
B.H.P.	Approved to sit practical
P.J.R.	Pending
C.L.S.	Denied

Drake moved, Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Reinstatement:

Smith, David M.	Approved for licensure
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Ratify Lists

Drake moved, Meldrum seconded and the Board voted to ratify the list of approved applicants for licensure determined to have met requirements.

Dispensing Opticians

License No.	Licensee	Issue Date
LDO002288	Wade, Dana Marie	1/28/2009
LDO002289	Neff, Ardeena Ruth	2/3/2009
LDO002290	Ahmed, Hanan Abdurshid	3/5/2009
LDO002291	Alamin, Semira Mohammed	3/5/2009
LDO002292	Arnold, Gwenda Kornegay	3/5/2009
LDO002293	Blount, La Anna Faye	3/5/2009
LDO002294	Colvin, Nicole Lynn	3/5/2009
LDO002295	Dampier, Deloris W	3/5/2009
LDO002296	Davis, Tiffany Renea	3/5/2009
LDO002297	Elkins, Elizabeth P	3/5/2009
LDO002298	Evans, John Edward	3/5/2009
LDO002299	Gibson, Michael J	3/5/2009
LDO002300	Greaves, Lulema Patrice	3/5/2009
LDO002301	Griffin, Jana Denise	3/5/2009
LDO002302	Grillo, George Raymond	3/5/2009
LDO002303	Grillo, Michelle Jane	3/5/2009
LDO002304	Howell, Kent Scott	3/5/2009
LDO002305	Speck, Susan E	3/9/2009
LDO002306	Pinsonnault, Karen Jean	3/9/2009
LDO002307	Pomell, Garfield J	3/9/2009
LDO002308	Cohen, Maryn Alyse	3/9/2009
LDO002309	Stallworth, Valerie Michelle	3/9/2009
LDO002310	Tyson, Christy Coleen	3/9/2009
LDO002311	Vandergriff, Leslie Lauren	3/9/2009
LDO002312	Westcott, Nathan Douglas	3/9/2009
LDO002313	Heinrich, Trent Lyle	3/9/2009
LDO002314	Watkins, Angela Nicole	3/9/2009
LDO002315	Birt, Phyllis Victoria	3/9/2009
LDO002316	Falk, Gary Robert	3/11/2009
LDO002317	Smith, April L	3/11/2009
LDO002318	Williams, Kimberly D	3/11/2009
LDO002319	Galloway, Asher Byrd, Jr	3/11/2009
LDO002320	Brown, Robert Daniel, Jr	3/11/2009
LDO002321	White, Jonathan M	3/11/2009

Dispensing Optician Apprentice

License No.	Licensee	Issue Date
LDOA000595	Jacob, Keith D	8/28/2008
LDOA000596	Lewis, Christopher John	9/2/2008
LDOA000597	Brown, Melissa Chastity	8/27/2008

LDOA000598	Cooner, Nicholas Don	2/10/2009
LDOA000599	Cribb, Steven Boyd	9/2/2008
LDOA000600	Watson, Brenda Marie Browning	2/17/2009
LDOA000601	Delconte, Yevette Evelyn	2/17/2009
LDOA000602	Kirk, Kristen Courtney	8/29/2008
LDOA000603	Mangham-Borders, Sandra Deloris	8/29/2008
LDOA000604	Adams, Alicia C	8/28/2008
LDOA000605	Aldrich, April Lacole	8/28/2008
LDOA000606	Stewart, Suzanne	9/2/2008
LDOA000607	Cruz, Drew Aguon	8/27/2008
LDOA000608	Nolan, Kayla Amanda	2/10/2009
LDOA000609	Thompson, Amber Christine	9/2/2008
LDOA000610	Wardwell, Karen Tanner	2/17/2009
LDOA000611	Greco, Chalet Jeannick	2/17/2009
LDOA000612	Walker, Paula Leigh	8/29/2008
LDOA000613	Ridall, Kristen Marie	8/29/2008
LDOA000614	Charles, Leeanna Shawn	8/28/2008
LDOA000615	Kravec, Maegan Soymantha	8/31/2008

ENFORCEMENT:

The following Enforcement cases were presented to the Board.

DISP080027- Case Closed. No additional information required.

DISP080034- Case Closed. No additional information required.

DISP080048- Case Closed. No additional information required.

Schulz moved, Sanford seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Enforcement report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant Report:

The following cases were presented to the Board.

Cases Closed:

DISP090015

Cases Referred to the Georgia State Board of Optometry:

DISP090016

Schulz moved, Sanford seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT:

Ms. Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General, provided a status report, which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and/or requests for authority for proposed rules.

Schulz moved, Drake seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

ADDITIONAL BOARD BUSINESS:

2009-2010 Officer Elections:

Meldrum moved, Drake seconded, and the Board voted to nominate Steve Sanford as the new 2009-2010 Board Chair. None opposed, motion carried

Meldrum moved, Sanford seconded, and the Board voted to nominate Diane Drake as the new 2009-2010 Board Vice-Chair. Ms. Drake will also continue to serve as the Board's Cognizant member. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Schulz seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:20p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Dianne W. Patterson, Administrative Assistant

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Glenn Morris, Board Chairman

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

DATE SIGNED AND APPROVED: _____