

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2009**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Dispensing Opticians was held on Wednesday May 20, 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:

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

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General, Jim Cleghorn, Business Analyst, Serena Gadson, Licensure Supervisor, Tanya Marcus, Licensure Analyst, Dianne W. Patterson, Administrative Assistant, and Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist

Mr. Sanford established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Morris moved, Ms. Drake seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Minutes from the March 18, 2009 meeting, as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

Correspondence received reviewed and discussed; response was provided to the following individuals by the Board.

Kris R. Kwolek, Brown McCarroll, L.L.P. – I have interpreted the Georgia Law O.C.G. A. § 43-29-18 to allow an internet-based company without a dispensing optician license to merely manufacture glasses pursuant to a valid Georgia optometrist/physician prescription and send the finished glasses to the patient without performing any fittings or measurements.

Board Response: Any person who is dispensing glasses and/or contact lenses in the state of Georgia, shall do so in compliance with the Board's Rules and Law and must hold an active valid dispensing licensing. Anyone who dispensing optical wear in the state of Georgia and does not hold an active valid license is in direct violation of the Georgia law. The Board does not have any jurisdiction over a person who is dispensing optical wear outside of the state of Georgia. Please refer to that state's appropriate Board rules and law.

Ms. Drake moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted for the administrative staff to respond to all correspondence presented to the Board as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Zimmerman updated the Board on the number of licensees who have not completed the renewal process. Renewal period ended March 31, 2009. **Ms. Drake moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to have the administrative staff lapse those licensees who have not completed the renewal process. None opposed, motion carried.**

Ratify List:

Ms. Drake moved, Mr. Schulz seconded and the Board voted to ratify the following applications approved between meetings determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

License No.	Licensee	Issue Date
LDO002322	Gilbert, Christopher L	3/18/2009
LDO002323	Brazier, Catalina	3/18/2009
LDO002324	Deppen, Ronda Leigh	3/20/2009
LDO002325	Cox, Donna Lee	4/6/2009
LDO002326	Green, Pamela Bernadette	4/23/2009
LDO002327	Lawson, Justin Richard	4/29/2009

Dispensing Optician Apprentice

License No.	Licensee	Issue Date
LDOA000615	Kravec, Maegan Scymantha	3/17/2009
LDOA000616	James, Janis C	8/29/2008
LDOA000617	Goines, Kevin Wayne	3/26/2009
LDOA000618	Carter, Lola Kay	8/29/2008
LDOA000619	Chastain, Alison Leora	3/27/2009
LDOA000620	Patterson, Kristin Elizabeth	3/31/2009
LDOA000621	Redwine, Alena Rose	3/31/2009
LDOA000622	Weaver, Jenny Rebecca	4/2/2009
LDOA000623	West, Terry Lee, Jr	4/7/2009
LDOA000624	McCoy, Keisha Levette	8/29/2008
LDOA000625	Trower, Tina Michelle	4/10/2009
LDOA000626	Ayral, Tracey Lyn	4/17/2009
LDOA000627	Moreira, Erika Ann	4/21/2009
LDOA000628	Kelley, Joanna Marie	4/24/2009
LDOA000629	Spivey, Jennifer Leigh	9/2/2008
LDOA000630	Hunt, Crystal Marie	5/1/2009
LDOA000631	Santiago, Yadira	9/2/2008
LDOA000632	Coleman, Jennifer Lyn	5/5/2009
LDOA000633	Meyberg, Mark Julian	5/5/2009

Reinstatement Applicants

License No.	Licensee	Date Reinstated
LDO000417	Ragan, Joel David	5/12/2009
LDO000446	Barr, James Dennis	5/18/2009
LDO000656	Wiggins, Susan Turner	4/8/2009
LDO001098	Smith, David M, Jr	3/18/2009
LDO001217	Kelly, Margaret P	5/15/2009
LDO001305	McHan, Kenneth L	4/21/2009
LDO001889	Kim, Choon Kyong	5/12/2009
LDO001978	Millsap, Marsha M	5/12/2009
LDO002134	Williams, Christopher L	5/18/2009

ENFORCEMENT:

- DISP080043- Close. Two signed Voluntary Cease and Desist orders were presented and accepted by the Board.

Mr. Schulz moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Enforcement report as presented by Ms. Drake. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant Report:

The Cognizant Board Member presented the Board with recommendations to the following complaints.

Cases Closed:

- DISP090012- Close. No additional information required.
- DISP090016-Investigative Interview conducted. Close case with a letter of concern.

Pending the receipt of additional information:

- DISP090003

Cases referred to Enforcement:

- DISP090017, DISP090019, AND DISP090020

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

The following cases were presented to the Board for noncompliance of his/her signed consent order.

DISP090021, DISP090022, and DISP090023

Ms. Drake moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to refer the above cases to the Enforcement Division for issuance of cease and desist orders. 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.

Ms. Drake moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

ADDITIONAL BOARD BUSINESS:

Mr. Sanford, Chair, requested that the Board review the established Board policies for any necessary revisions. Policies will be reviewed during the next scheduled Board meeting. Ms. Allen, Board Support Specialist, informed the Board that she would email a copy of the policies to each member.

The Board would like the Apprentice Application revised to state that when a sponsoring Licensed Dispensing Optician decides they will no longer be a sponsor, they must notify the apprentice, as well as, the Board office.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Schulz seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:50p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Steve Sanford, Board Chairman

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

DATE SIGNED AND APPROVED: _____