

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 08, 2012**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Dispensing Opticians was held on Wednesday, February 08, 2012, in Room 108 of the office of the Secretary of State at the Professional Licensing Boards Division at 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Diane Drake, Chair
Glenn Morris, Vice-Chair
Dave Meldrum
Joseph Reed
Lurue Lord

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Serena Gadson, Licensure Supervisor
Wylencia Monroe, AAG
Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist

Ms. Drake, Chair established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

AGENDA:

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Morris moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the following meetings as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

- November 09, 2011

BOARD CHAIR REPORT:

1. Ms. Drake provided the Board with an overview of the meeting conducted with SOS, Kemp.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Zimmerman notified the Board that two of the remaining 2012 scheduled Board meetings will be conducted as Conference Calls.
 - May 09, 2012
 - November 07, 2012
2. Mr. Zimmerman presented the Board with a response from Wiregrass Technical College regarding their request for "official" recognition of their "Opticianry Diploma graduates" as having met the licensure requirements for education. The Board previously granted "Provisional Recognition" with the requirement of COA being completed (March 30, 2012).

Discussion: The provisional recognition was issued based on WGTC working towards accreditation thru COA (Commission on Opticianry Accreditation). The Board only recognizes degree granting programs; not diploma programs. In addition, the Board requested a copy of all correspondences between the Board and Mr. Wilkerson, Optical Program Coordinator, be forwarded to the President of WGTC and an investigation conducted into the lack of response and respect to the Board's rules and law; especially in accordance to Rule 420-5-.01(2)(d), "a recognized school of ophthalmic dispensing is defined as one that offers a Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) approved curriculum of opticianry courses leading to a diploma, degree, or certificate that is recognized by the Georgia State

Board of Dispensing Opticians. A recognized school of ophthalmic dispensing also includes opticianry programs accredited by the Commission on Opticianry Accreditation and may include other opticianry education programs recognized by the Board”.

The program was given a deadline of December 31, 2013 to complete the COA, and if not, the “Provisional Recognition” status will be revisited.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and the Board voted to deny the appeal request to remove the provisional recognition status. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Director’s report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

BOARD RULE DISCUSSION:

The Board began drafting revisions to Rule 420-4-.02 (2) Unprofessional Conduct. Revisions will be presented back to the Board at the next scheduled meeting.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Reed 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 Attorney General and Enforcement reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members: Drake, Morris, Meldrum, Reed and Lord.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, February 08, 2012, Ms. Drake declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

APPLICATIONS:

Mr. Reed moved, Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicant applying for licensure by Education/Experience. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. M.C. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 2. M.K. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 3. M.M. | Approved to sit for exam |

Mr. Reed moved, Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Reinstatement. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. Fleck, Clint | Approved for licensure |
| 2. Nicholas, Norman | Approved for licensure |

RATIFY LIST:

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the list of approved applicants for licensure determined to have met licensure requirements. None opposed, motion carried.

	Dispensing Opticians	
License No.	Licensee	Issue Date
LDO002465	Pettigrew, Kelly Rae	11/9/2011
LDO002466	Villagomez, Arturo Garcia	1/17/2012
LDO002467	Holleman, Jodie Carol	2/1/2012
LDO002468	Vu, Kathy	2/6/2012

Dispensing Apprentice

License No.	Licensee	Issue Date
OPTA000884	Hill, Tiana S	11/23/2011
OPTA000885	Skufca, Brittany Michele	11/23/2011
OPTA000886	Daniel, Tasha Nikole	11/28/2011
OPTA000887	White, Lindsay Katherine	11/28/2011
OPTA000888	Hall, Meagan Danielle	11/29/2011
OPTA000889	Washington, Kierstin C	12/14/2011
OPTA000890	Collins, Joshua Brandon	12/29/2011
OPTA000891	Zardies, Tyese Cyntrel	12/30/2011
OPTA000892	Brinson, Gaylon P	1/3/2012
OPTA000893	Ruvalcaba, Rosa Marie	1/4/2012
OPTA000894	Choe, Eun Ho	1/13/2012
OPTA000895	Jenkins, Jared Ryan	1/20/2012
OPTA000896	Pederson, LaRissa Marie	1/20/2012
OPTA000897	Levi, Carl Edward	1/20/2012
OPTA000898	Dalrymple, Justin Brian	1/20/2012
OPTA000899	Newman, Kayla Lacle	1/25/2012
OPTA000900	Thompson, Amber Lewis	1/25/2012
OPTA000901	Thomas, Daquri Lynn	1/25/2012
OPTA000902	Brown, Kathryn Elizabeth	1/27/2012
OPTA000903	Conley, LaShone Dinease	2/7/2012
OPTA000904	Roberts, Candace Marie	2/7/2012
OPTA000905	Calloway, Shacquan Renee	2/7/2012

Dispensing Opticians (Reinstatements)

License No.	Licensee	Issue Date
LDO000519	Cushman, Leslie A	11/9/2011
LDO001484	Kight, Jamie Anne	12/7/2011

COGNIZANT/ENFORCEMENT:

Mr. Reed provided the Board with an updated status on all open complaint cases.

Complaint cases closed:

- DISP110003, DISP110031, DISP120002, DISP120004, DISP120005, DISP120010, DISP120011, DISP120012, and DISP120013

Complaint cases - Investigations:

- DISP110025, DISP120006, DISP120008, DISP120009 DISP120014

Complaint cases referred to the Attorney General's Office:

- DISP080047, DISP110005, DISP110021, DISP110023, and DISP110032

Mr. Morris moved, Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Cognizant/Enforcement report as presented by Ms. Drake during Executive Session. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris moved, Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to accept the signed Voluntary Cease & Desist order with regard to the unlicensed sale of colored, cosmetic contact lenses. None opposed, motion carried.

- Rohil N. Virani, GM, Stone Mountain Chevron

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.

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

ADDITONAL BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Meldrum presented the Board with an overview of the National Commission of State Opticianry Regulatory (NCSORB) national computer based examination.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and the Board voted to request that NCSORB attend a future scheduled Board meeting and present a demonstration of their proposed National Optician’s Practical Examination. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Diane Drake, Chair

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

DATE SIGNED AND APPROVED: May 09, 2012