

**GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS  
CONFERENCE CALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
November 6, 2013**

A meeting of the Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians was held by teleconference on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in 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  
Lurue Lord  
Dave Meldrum  
Joseph Reed

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC-1  
Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist  
Tracy Allen, Licensing Analyst  
Chrissy Lewis, CCA I (Complaints)

**Attorney General's Office Representative:**

Wylencia Monroe – Assistant Attorney General

**Visitors Present:**

Thomas Schulz, LDO  
Farrell L. Holt, LDO – Walmart/Sam's Club

**Ms. Drake, Chair established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:04 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:**

- August 14, 2013

**Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the August 14, 2013 Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Board Chair Report:**

Ms. Drake reported that she attended the September 10, 2013 scheduled meeting with the House Study Committee on Professional Licensing Boards. She reported that the sessions were videoed and available for viewing online. In addition, the Committee held a meeting on November 4, 2013 and neither she nor the other Board members were available to attend. The Opticians Association of Georgia did have a representative at that meeting and reported that Committee discussed consolidation of Boards and extending the licensure period between renewal dates.

**Executive Director's Report:**

- Affidavit of Opticianry Education Program – presented for Board review. This document will be reviewed further.
- Disciplinary grid sample will be presented to the Board at their next meeting. The grid would assist in the administrative issuance of licenses.

**Public Rules Hearing:**

**Ms. Drake, Board Chair, opened the Public Rules Hearing at 9:31 a.m.**

**Guests present include: Thomas Schulz and Farrell Holt**

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS RULE FOR CHAPTER 420-2, REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, RULE 420-2-.01 REGISTRATION**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this rule amendment is specify a late renewal period for renewals.

**Main Features:** The rule provides for a two-month period following the March 31<sup>st</sup> expiration date of licenses to renew a license to practice with a late penalty fee charged.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS RULE FOR CHAPTER 420-2, REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, RULE 420-2-.01 REGISTRATION**

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

**420-2-.01 Registration.**

(1) All persons practicing as a dispensing optician shall register with the Division Director of the Professional Licensing Boards Division and shall pay a biennial registration fee on or before March 31st of the registration year. Licenses may be renewed between April 1<sup>st</sup> of each odd numbered year, and May 31<sup>st</sup> of each odd numbered year with payment of a late renewal penalty fee in addition to the renewal fee. Failure to register and pay ~~this~~ the appropriate renewal fee by the ~~deadline set expiration date~~ shall lapse said license by operation of law. Individual licenses lapsed by operation of law may be considered for reinstatement by submission of an application approved by the Board and paying the established registration fee and an additional penalty.

(2) Any service member as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-1-31 whose license to practice opticianry expired while serving on active duty outside the state shall be permitted to practice opticianry in accordance with the expired license and shall not be charged with a violation relating to such practice on an expired license for a period of six (6) months from the date of her or her discharge from active duty or reassignment to a location within the state. Any such service member shall be entitled to renew such expired license without penalty within six (6) months after the date of her or her discharge from active duty or reassignment to a location with the state. The service member must present to the board a copy of the official military orders or a written verification signed by the service member's commanding officer to waive any charges.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4

**Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and the Board voted to adopt Rule 420-2-.01 Registration as a posted for the thirty (30) day minimum requirement. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Ms. Lord moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of rule 420-2-.01 Registration does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4. Additionally, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of**

these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of dispensing opticianry.

There being no further discussion, the Public Rules Hearing was closed at 9:38 a.m.

**Correspondence:**

- LDOA Scope of practice
- NCSORB – Ohio Legislation
- Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Opticianry Program
- Open records request – T. Schulz RE: Technical College System of Georgia

**Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and the Board voted to withdraw the provisional recognition of the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College’s proposed ophthalmic dispensing program effective December 31, 2013 for failure to complete the requirements and requests set forth by the Board. None opposed, motion carried.**

Mr. Tom Schulz asked the Board to review Rule 420-5-.01(d) Application and Examination Requirements in consideration of the request for Board recognition by Wiregrass Technical College.

**Petition for Wavier/Variance:**

- Kattia Fennell

**Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to deny the Petition on the basis it is unnecessary as petitioner would be eligible to sit for the practical exam based on verification of education and experience. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Miscellaneous Board Discussion Items:**

- 2014 Board Meeting Dates

Wednesday	February 12, 2014	10:00 a.m.	
Wednesday	May 14, 2014	8:00 a.m.	Conference Call
Wednesday	August 13, 2014	10:00 a.m.	
Wednesday	November 19, 2014	8:00 a.m.	Conference Call

**Mr. Reed moved, Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to approve the 2014 Board meeting schedule as shown above. None opposed, motion carried.**

- Application Ratify List - August 12, 2013-October 31, 2013

**Dispensing Optician**

LDO002555	Chambers, Veronica Leigh
LDO002556	Crawford, Phillip Ryan
LDO002557	De Arce, Ana H.
LDO002558	Ellis, Tanyika Morrocco
LDO002559	Garnand, Kathy Louise
LDO002560	Greenberger, Marina G
LDO002561	Hardin, Molly Hicks
LDO002562	Hayes, Amanda Kaye
LDO002563	Hughes, Terrell Lugene
LDO002564	Hutchinson, Da'Ved Earther

LDO002565 Janik, Jaime Lee  
LDO002566 Burk, Phillip Gerald Duane  
LDO002567 Kerns, Kelley  
LDO002568 Lambert, Rebecca Jean  
LDO002569 Lee, Linda Marlene  
LDO002570 Lofquist, Stacey L  
LDO002571 Michalski, James Michael  
LDO002572 Onyegbule, Chibuogwu I  
LDO002573 Raffety, Amanda Nicole  
LDO002575 Rogers, Gregory Joseph  
LDO002576 Turner, Debora E.  
LDO002577 Walker, Paula Leigh  
LDO002578 Westbrook, Wanda Pauline  
LDO002579 Wilkes, Stephanie D.  
LDO002580 Willard, Whitney Marie  
LDO002581 Woodford, Pamela S  
LDO002582 Arnold, Mechelle Renee  
LDO002583 Evans, Terrence Wyndell

Dispensing Optician Apprentice

OPTA001060 Sanders, Mary Lue  
OPTA001061 McEachern, Holly Claire  
OPTA001062 Moore, Jessica Audrey  
OPTA001063 Lyngaas, Chasldy Shari  
OPTA001064 Birdsall, Carrie Marie  
OPTA001065 Nettles, Melissa Renee  
OPTA001066 Lowe, Kayla Farmer  
OPTA001067 Munusami, Shanta R  
OPTA001068 Valencia, Bianca Jazmin  
OPTA001069 Comer, Jill Baldwin  
OPTA001070 Gosseck, Sydney Louise  
OPTA001071 Sosebee, Terry K  
OPTA001072 Brehm, Warren Todd  
OPTA001073 Crawford, Javon D  
OPTA001074 Grant, Torrean Ciana  
OPTA001075 Lopez-Cosio, Shaday  
OPTA001076 Jones McCall, Trenisha Shannette  
OPTA001077 Dudley, Maureen Cecelia  
OPTA001078 Compton, Candace Cassandra  
OPTA001079 Cochran, Heather Elizabeth  
OPTA001080 Shook, Kacie Miranda  
OPTA001081 Barrios, Sureyda  
OPTA001082 Yoe Gaddy, Jennifer LeAn  
OPTA001083 Burgess, Samantha Crystal

**Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application ratify list as presented above. None opposed, motion carried.**

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, Lord and Reed.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, November 6, 2013, 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. No votes were obtained during Executive Session.

**Applications:**

Mr. Reed moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted for staff to take action as directed on applicants applying for licensure presented and reviewed by the Board during the meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. K. B. | Approved                                    |
| 2. M. D. | Approved                                    |
| 3. B. H. | Approved to sit for exam                    |
| 4. D. K. | Approved                                    |
| 5. S. M. | Approved                                    |
| 6. J. N. | Approved                                    |
| 7. J. T. | Pending receipt of additional documentation |

**Attorney General’s Report:**

Mr. Reed moved, Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General’s report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

**Cognizant/Enforcement Report:**

- DISP140001 – Request additional information
- DISP140003 - Close
- DISP140004 – Refer to Investigations

Ms. Lord moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant recommendations as noted above. None opposed, motion carried.

**Miscellaneous Executive Session Items:**

- August 14, 2013 Executive Session Minutes

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes from the August 14, 2013 Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

**DIANE DRAKE**

Chair

**BRIG ZIMMERMAN**

Executive Director, HC1

**DATE APPROVED:** February 12, 2014