

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS  
CONFERENCE CALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
December 04, 2013**

A Conference Call meeting of the Georgia State Board of Dispensing Opticians was held on Wednesday, December 04, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 107 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  
Lurue Lord  
Joseph Reed

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director  
Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist

**ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:**

Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General

**Ms. Drake, Chair established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.**

**Agenda:** Approved as presented.

**Petition for Waiver/Variance:**

- Hoffmeister, Brett – Rule 420-5-.01 Practical Exam Requirement

**Mr. Reed moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition for failure to provide evidence of a substantial hardship. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Discussion on Recognition of Opticianry Programs in Georgia Schools:**

**Mr. Morris moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to grant a six month extension, through June 30, 2014, of the "Provisional Recognition" of the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College's ophthalmic dispensing program. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Miscellaneous Discussion Items:**

- Rule 420-5-.01 Application and Examination Requirements was reviewed. This item will be discussed further at the next scheduled Board meeting, to be held on February 12, 2014.
- The Board discussed the Commission on Opticianry Accreditation (COA) and that graduation from an accredited Opticianry program gives the individual a nationally recognized credential.

**There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourn at 8:39 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