

**GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS  
CONFERENCE CALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 19, 2014**

A meeting of the Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at 10:00 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 (via teleconference)

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC-1  
Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist  
Tracy Allen, Licensing Analyst

**Attorney General's Office Representative:**

Wylencia Monroe – Assistant Attorney General  
(via teleconference)

**Visitors Present:**

Thomas Schulz, LDO

**Ms. Drake, Chair established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.**

**Agenda:**

Approved with late agenda item added: Board Rules Discussion

**Approval of Minutes:**

- November 6, 2013

**Mr. Morris moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the November 6, 2013 Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

- December 4, 2013 Conference Call

**Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the December 4, 2013 conference call meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Board Chair Report:**

Ms. Drake reported that 26 candidates were scheduled to take the practical exam on Wednesday, February 12, 2014. Despite the inclement weather, 25 candidates arrived and completed the practical exam. One applicant requested to reschedule and began taking the practical exam prior to the start of this meeting.

**Executive Director's Report:**

- Affidavit of Opticianry Education Program – To be discussed with the rules discussion

**Correspondence:**

- Commission on Opticianry Accreditation

The correspondence from the Commission on Opticianry Accreditation was for informational purposes of the Board. No response is required.

**Miscellaneous Board Discussion Items:**

- Dispensing of contact lenses by prescription – correspondence from M. Ward: This item will be added to the next scheduled meeting agenda for further discussion.

Ms. Drake reminded the Board members that they need to be careful not to appear as representing the Board when speaking to members of the public.

- Sample Disciplinary Issues and Actions: The Board was in favor of drafting a policy regarding disciplinary issues and actions that may be addressed administratively. A draft will be presented to the Board at the May 14, 2014 scheduled Board meeting.
- Application Ratify List - August 12, 2013-October 31, 2013

Dispensing Optician

LDO002585 Coates, Raven Corin  
LDO002586 Matthews, Catherine Jessica

Dispensing Optician Apprentice

OPTA001084 Touart, Wendy Ann  
OPTA001085 Bower, Kristyn Kaye  
OPTA001086 Dean, Michael Wesley  
OPTA001087 Klatt, David L  
OPTA001088 Turner, Sylvia K  
OPTA001089 Eubank, Lysie Ann  
OPTA001090 Epps, LaKesha Rena  
OPTA001091 McGarr, Justin Lee  
OPTA001092 Sosebee, Jodie Danyell  
OPTA001093 Khodadadi, Leida  
OPTA001094 Andrews, Ashley Michelle  
OPTA001095 Robinson Lesch, Laura J  
OPTA001096 Diaz, Rebekah Lynn  
OPTA001097 Lamb, Melody Varnadoe  
OPTA001098 Hooker, Christopher Brandon  
OPTA001099 Gaddy, Frederick David  
OPTA001100 Pham, Kimberly  
OPTA001101 Thornton, Brandy Necole  
OPTA001102 Charles, Amber Nicole  
OPTA001103 Waller, Demetrice DeShaun  
OPTA001104 Scott Brister, Virgil William Israel Horst  
OPTA001105 Selimovic, Nermina  
OPTA001106 Kelly, Cammillia Shannae  
OPTA001107 DuCote, Jon Claude  
OPTA001108 Castillo, Christian Anthony  
OPTA001109 Bevill, Jessica Lauren  
OPTA001110 Atmore, Stephanie Marie  
OPTA001111 Mann, Cynthia Marie  
OPTA001112 Pridgen, Amanda Lynn

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

**Mr. Reed moved, Ms. Lord 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, February 19, 2014, 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. Morris moved, Ms. Lord 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. Allee, Joseph    | Approved for reinstatement                  |
| 2. T. C.            | Pending receipt of additional documentation |
| 3. Ganim, Mohamed   | Approved for reinstatement                  |
| 4. D. M.            | Pending receipt of additional documentation |
| 5. Williams, Ronald | Approved for reinstatement                  |

**Mr. Morris moved, Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to deny the application for reinstatement submitted by J.A. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Attorney General’s Report:**

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

**Cognizant/Enforcement Report:**

Case(s) Recommended for Closure:

DISP130010, DISP130012, DISP130016, DISP130017, DISP140001, DISP140002, DISP140005 and DISP140007

Case(s) Recommended for Referral to Investigations:

DISP090003, DISP130013

Case(s) Recommended for Referral to AG’s Office:

DISP130009

Case(s) Pending Investigative Report:

DISP140004 & DISP140006

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

**Mr. Morris moved, Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to refer cases DISP130009 to the Attorney General's Office.**

**Miscellaneous Executive Session Items:**

- November 6, 2013 Executive Session Minutes

**Mr. Morris moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes from the November 6, 2013 Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Board Rules Discussion**

- Affidavit of Opticianry Education Program
- Rule 420-5-.01 Application and Examination Requirements
- Rule 420-8-.01 Practical Training and Experience

The rules discussion and affidavit was tabled for further review and/or revision until the next scheduled Board meeting.

**Election of 201-2015 Board Officers**

**Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and the Board voted for Ms. Drake to retain her position as Board Chair and Mr. Morris to retain his position as Vice-Chair. None opposed, motion carried.**

Mr. Schultz was recognized by the Board Chair and requested that the Board reconsider holding their conference call meetings at 8:00 a.m. Mr. Zimmerman, Executive Director, suggested that Mr. Schultz attend the meeting in the Assistant Attorney General's office or at the office of the Secretary of State in Atlanta to keep him from having to drive into Macon to participate in the teleconferences. Mr. Zimmerman requested that Mr. Schultz, or any guest, provide notice so staff in those locations would have time to setup a conference room to accommodate guests.

**Mr. Morris moved, Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:49 p.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: May 14, 2014**