

**GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
CONFERENCE CALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2014**

A meeting of the Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians was held by teleconference on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 8:00 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
Tracy Allen, Licensing Analyst

Attorney General's Office Representative:

D. Williams-McNeely--Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present:

Thomas Schulz, LDO

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

*NOTE: Mr. Glenn Morris joined the meeting in progress around 9:24 a.m.; Mr. Joe Reed had to be excused from today's meeting a few minutes prior to Mr. Morris joining the meeting. A quorum of four was present during all indicated votes in open session of today's meeting.

Agenda:

Mr. Meldrum moved Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented with one late agenda item added: Guest to address the Board during open session. None opposed, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

- February 19, 2014

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Reed seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2014 Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Chair Report: None Presented

Executive Director's Report:

- Disciplinary Grid – Administrative Issuance Guide presented to the Board.

Policy: Staff Approval of Applications for Licensure/Renewals Related to Arrests/Convictions

The Georgia State Board of Dispensing Opticians accepts the following guidelines for staff approval of applications for licensure and renewal which indicate that the applicant has an arrest and/or conviction:

Offense	Frequency	Time Period	Action
DUI	One Time	No Time Period	If conviction is older than five years proceed with licensure. If conviction is less than five years license with LOC Alcohol.

DUI	Two Times	More than four years between convictions	If conviction is older than five years proceed with licensure. If conviction is less than five years license with LOC Alcohol.
Bad Checks, Municipal Ordinance Violations, Driving w/suspended or revoked license	Two Times	No Time Period	If conviction is older than five years proceed with licensure. If conviction is less than five years license with LOC Criminal.
Petty Theft, Shoplifting, Non-Violent Property Crimes (not related to drugs)	Two Times	No Time Period	If conviction is older than five years proceed with licensure. If conviction is less than five years license with LOC Criminal.
Felony Conviction for Non-Violent Property Crimes (i.e. Shoplifting, Theft By Taking, Theft by Deception, Burglary, Larceny, Vandalism, etc.)	One Time	No Time Period	If conviction is older than five years proceed with licensure. If conviction is less than five years license with LOC Criminal.
Marijuana Possession of Less than One Ounce	One Time	No Time Period	If conviction is older than five years proceed with licensure. If conviction is less than five years license with LOC Drugs.
Misdemeanor Offenses with the Exception of Drug Related Misdemeanor Crimes	No Limit	No Time Period	If conviction is older than five years proceed with licensure. If conviction is less than five years license with LOC Criminal.

Applications for licensure that do not fall within the parameters indicated above will be referred to the Georgia State Board of Dispensing Opticians for review.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the Grid/Guide as presented; subject to future revisions as needed. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Rules Discussion – Ongoing:

- 420-5-.01 Application and Exam Requirements
- 420-8-.01 Practical Training and Experience
- 420-9-.03 C. E. Approval

The Board decided to table the ongoing rules discussion and to schedule a future meeting date to work primarily on rules.

Correspondence:

- ABO-NCLE - Regarding additional exam date offerings; no response needed.
- Morris, James, ED – ABO-NCLE – Offer to meet with Board about ABO-NCLE; Board requested Mr. Morris be thanked for his offer and that they will contact him if needed.
- Ward, M. – Tabled; Board chair to draft a response.
- Wiregrass Technical College Opticianry Program – Board requested information of student enrollment in opticianry program.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to extend the provisional recognition of the Wiregrass Georgia Technical College’s ophthalmic dispensing program through December 31, 2014 while the Board continues to review possible rule amendments. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Reed seconded and the Board voted for the administrative staff to respond to correspondence as discussed. None opposed, motion carried.

Guest Speaker:

- Mr. Tom Schulz, LDO, rescinded his request to address the Board on this date.

Petition for Wavier/Variance:

- Villagomez, A. G.

Board decision on this Petition was tabled for later discussion following todays closed session

Application Ratify List – February 7, 2013 - May 8, 2013:

Dispensing Optician

LDO002587	Aronson, Angela Marie
LDO002588	Cantrell, Andrea Leigh
LDO002589	Carey, Jonathon Brent
LDO002590	Chancellor, William Wade
LDO002591	Collins, Joshua Brandon
LDO002592	Hardy, Linda Paige
LDO002593	Hargrove, Carol Yvonne
LDO002594	Hill, Tiana S
LDO002595	Hoffmeister, Brett Lane
LDO002596	Jenkins, Jared Ryan
LDO002597	Jennings, Reine Danielle
LDO002598	Mathis, Ryan Thomas
LDO002599	Peaslee, Jason Andrew
LDO002600	Riley, Sherrie Ann
LDO002601	Talley, Terah Nicole
LDO002602	Thompson, Sarah Tracy
LDO002603	Hebert, Denise Lynn
LDO002604	Ibekwe, Vitalis Kanayo
LDO002605	Ahill, Karein Shana Kay
LDO002606	Delconte, Yevette Evelyn

Dispensing Optician Apprentice

OPTA001113	Williams, Erin Michelle
OPTA001114	Mccullough, Tonya Elizabeth

OPTA001115 Shuman, Ashley Michelle
 OPTA001116 Gross, LaToyia Shanica
 OPTA001117 Rose Washington, Sherri T.
 OPTA001118 Davis, Talena Bonita
 OPTA001119 Lee, Sheila Ablao
 OPTA001120 McBrayer, Megan Elizabeth
 OPTA001121 Nichols, Sabina Elaine
 OPTA001122 Smith, Theresa Marie
 OPTA001123 Susunaga, Aide
 OPTA001124 Gilliam, Jessica Nicole
 OPTA001125 Bryant, Crystal Nicole
 OPTA001126 Ha, Houg Que
 OPTA001127 McNabb, Kevin Junyoung
 OPTA001128 Grant, Titus Merlin
 OPTA001129 Bhandari, Navita
 OPTA001130 Woodall, Zachary Hale
 OPTA001131 Conner, Tyshawn Virgil
 OPTA001132 Burn, Ashley Theresa
 OPTA001133 Stephens, Angela Marie
 OPTA001134 Prather, Sophia Wynette
 OPTA001135 Hettler, Christopher Charles
 OPTA001136 Williams, Leshonta Deona

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Reed 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, Meldrum, Lord and Reed.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, May 14, 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:

1. M. B. Approved
2. M. F. Pending – CE Hours
3. N. H. Pending – Additional Information

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| 4. R. J. | Pending – CE Hours |
| 5. C.S. | Pending – Additional Information |
| 6. S.S. | Pending – Additional Information |
| 7. R.T. | Pending – CE Hours |
| 8. A.V. | Pending - Additional Documentation |

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.

Mr. Reed moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded and the Board voted to refer applicants C.S. and S.S. to Investigations for Hand Service of the Board requested additional information and documents. None opposed, motion carried.

Attorney General’s Report:

Presented to Board, however, vote tabled in open session until next scheduled meeting as quorum was lost at 10:15 a.m. upon Mr. Glenn Morris dropping off the call.

Cognizant/Enforcement Report:

- DISP140004 – Recommend Closure

Presented to Board, however, vote tabled in open session until next scheduled meeting as quorum was lost at 10:15 a.m. upon Mr. Glenn Morris dropping off the call.

Miscellaneous Executive Session Items:

- February 19, 2014 Executive Session Minutes – Recommend acceptance by the Committee of the Board

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Additional Items:

Board requested Mr. Zimmerman schedule another Board meeting for 2014 on Wednesday, June 11th beginning at 10:00 a.m. Agenda item to be rules and obtainment of any votes missed due to loss of a quorum this date.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the committee meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Minutes recorded, reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

DIANE DRAKE
Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN
Executive Director, HC1

DATE APPROVED: June 11, 2014