

GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
CONFERENCE CALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 07, 2016

A conference call meeting of the Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians was held Wednesday, September 8 2016 @ 8:30 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
Bob Reynolds

Board Members Absent:

Dave Meldrum

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC-1
Linsey Brookins, BSS
Tracy Allen, Licensing Analyst

Attorney General's Office Representative:

Wylencia Monroe, Esq., AAG - Absent

Ms. Drake, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented

Petitions of Variance or Waiver:

- Irwin, J.
- Bevil, C.

Mr. Reynolds motioned, Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition requests for J. Irwin for failure to substantiate a verifiable and demonstrable hardship as required by law. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris motioned, Mr. Reynolds seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition requests of C. Bevil. None opposed, motion carried.

Proposed Rule Amendment:

- **420-9-.01 Continuing Education for License Renewals**

(1) Continuing Education courses totaling at least ten (10) hours shall be required for the biennial renewal of licenses. Of the ten (10) hours, a minimum of two (2) hours shall be in the area of contact lenses. Effective 04-01-2017, of the ten (10) hours, one hour must be on Georgia Opticianry Laws and Rules and must be provided by a Georgia Licensed Optician, to be approved by this board. Effective 04-01-2017, of the ten (10) hours, six (6) hours must be technically approved hours (which may be either spectacles or contact lenses). Of the ten (10) hours, no more than five (5) hours may be obtained via the internet. No more than eight (8) hours of continuing education may be obtained in one twenty-four hour day.

(2) Effective 04-01-2017, of the ten (10) continuing education hours for renewal, no hours may be obtained or will be accepted for renewal via the internet or home study except for those provided by the Opticians Association of America, the National Academy of Opticianry or the Opticians Association of Georgia.

(2 3) With his/her application for license renewal, each licensed dispensing optician must submit an affidavit of course hours completed as proof that his/her education requirements have been satisfied.

(4) No duplicate courses will be accepted during the same renewal period. No courses under the same title, by the same instructor, will be accepted for renewal purposes.

Mr. Morris motioned, Mr. Reynolds seconded, and the Board voted to submit the above proposed amendments as presented to rule 420-9-.01 to the Attorney General's Office for a memo of statutory authority; to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days required for public view and comment; with a public rules hearing/adoption to be scheduled the next available scheduled Board meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris motioned, 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 review applications, and to receive the Cognizant's Enforcement/Complaint report and receive a report from the Assistant Attorney General. Voting in favor of the motion were those present, Board members Drake, Morris, Reynolds, and Lord.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, September 07, 2016, Ms. Drake declared the meeting back into "open" session 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:

- M.A.
- E.E.
- K.W.
- D.F.
- M.M.

Recommendations:

Pending receipt of additional information
Pending receipt of additional information
Pending receipt of additional information
Postponed for review at next meeting
Postponed for review at next meeting

Mr. Morris motioned, Ms. Lord seconded and the Board voted to approve the recommendations made on all applications presented to the Board. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris motioned, Mr. Reynolds seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 09:03 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Brookins, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

DIANE DRAKE

Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director, HC1

Date Approved: **November 9, 2016**