

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS
Board Meeting December 9, 2003

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers was held on Tuesday, December 9, 2003, at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Richard Pitt, Chairman
Jeffrey Fargason, Vice Chairman
Henry Williams
Vaughn Bray
Charles Denmark
Dr. Jack Borders
Dr. Rhonda Briscoe-Faulkner

Staff Present:

Lee Tracy, Executive Director
Stephanie Stubbs, Applications Specialist
Dena Kirkman, Board Secretary
Wylencia Monroe, Board Attorney

Chairman Pitt established that a quorum was present, and the meeting scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:12 a.m.

Richard Pitt tendered his resignation from the Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers Board.

Election of Officers: Richard Pitt made a motion to nominate Jeff Fargason for the position of Chair. Vote – all approved. Richard Pitt made a motion to nominate Dr. Jack Borders as Vice Chair. Vote – all approved.

Vaughn Bray made a motion to **approve** the **minutes** from the September 9, 2003 meeting. The motion was seconded by Jeff Fargason and was **approved** by the Board.

Ratify New Licensee Candidates: A motion was made by Jeff Fargason to ratify the new licensee candidates as listed below. The motion was seconded by Charles Denmark and was **approved** by the Board.

License No.	Name	License Type
HAA000014	Lee, Jong	Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser
HAA000015	Stiber, Mary Katharina	Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser
HADS000756	Alemaychu, Daniel Z	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000757	Miller, Clayton A	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000758	Jones, Thomas Daniel	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000759	Yoo, Young Yang	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000755	Warmbsby, Victor	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADW034784	Hear Central, LLC	Hearing Aid Dealer

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Public Hearing Rule 276-10-.02 and Chapter 276-13: There were no visitors for the Public Hearing.

Adoption of Rule 276-10-.02 Continuing Education: A motion was made by Vaughn Bray to **adopt** the rule. The motion was seconded by Jeff Fargason and was **approved** by the Board.

A motion was made by Charles Denmark and seconded by Jeff Fargason that the formulation and adoption of Rule 276-10-.02 does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-20-6, and 43-20-15.

It is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-20-6, and 43-20-15 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A)(B)(C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of these proposed rule amendments will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers.

Adoption of Chapter 276-13 Unprofessional Conduct and Professionally Immoral Acts: A motion was made by Charles Denmark to **adopt** the chapter. The motion was seconded by Jeff Fargason and was **approved** by the Board.

A motion was made by Charles Denmark and seconded by Jeff Fargason that the formulation and adoption of Chapter 276-13 does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed chapter cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-20-6, and 43-20-16.

It is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-20-6, and 43-20-16 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A)(B)(C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this chapter will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers.

Board Meeting Dates for 2004: A motion was made by Charles Denmark to approve the meeting dates for 2004. The motion was seconded by Rhonda Briscoe-Faulkner.

Hearing Instrument Fitting Verification Criteria: A discussion was held by the Board members concerning what qualifications need to be met for instrument fitting verification criteria.

Practical Exam With N.I.H.I.S.: Legal Services is almost finished with its review of the contract. From Legal Services, the contract will go to Dr. Femi Ajayi, Director of Exam Development & Testing Section for his input. The contract should be presented to the Board at its meeting on March 9, 2004.

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Website Review: A discussion was held concerning the suggested changes needed on the website.

Jeff Fargason made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-19(h)(2) to review investigations/complaint information. The motion was seconded by Charles Denmark and voting in favor of the motion were those present who included, Vaughn Bray, Henry Williams, Dr. Rhonda Briscoe-Faulkner, Dr. Jack Borders and Rick Pitt. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

A motion was made by Vaughn Bray to approve the following recommendations regarding **cases** reported on by the Cognizant Board member and by the Board attorney. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jack Borders and was **approved** by the Board.

A motion was made by Jeff Fargason to close case number 21-01-00-0025 with a letter of concern. The motion was seconded by Rick Pitt and was **approved** by the Board.

Henry Williams, Cognizant Report

- Reported on the following cases:
 - HA040015 Requested additional information.
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Wylencia Monroe, Board Attorney's Report

- Updated the Board on cases in her office.

Lee Tracy, Executive Director's Report

- Reported that the staff was pleased to have the Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers Board under the umbrella of the Health and Consumer Services Section.
- Reported that starting in January, testing will be held in the new testing building next to the Professional Licensing Boards.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Jeff Fargason made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Charles Denmark and **approved** by the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 A.M.