

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS
Board Meeting March 15, 2005

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers was held on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

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

The following Board members were late arrivals:

Vaughn Bray

Staff Present:

Lee Tracy, Executive Director
Dena Kirkman, Board Secretary

Guests:

Sheldon Patterson

Chairman Fargason established that a quorum was present, and the meeting scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:01 a.m.

Charles Denmark made a motion to **approve** the **minutes** from the December 14, 2004 meeting and the January 5, 2005 Teleconference meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rhonda Briscoe-Faulkner and was **approved** by the Board.

Correspondence

A copy of a press release and a copy of the minutes for the November 22, 2002 Florida Board of Hearing Aid Specialists Meeting where the Florida Board discussed Crystal Ear was read to the Georgia Board by Jeff Fargason.

Ratify New Licensee Candidates: A motion was made by Dr. Jack Borders 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 |
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| HAP000028 | Stephen C. Peterson | Hearing Aid Training Permit |
| HAP000029 | Ruth C. Schutza | Hearing Aid Training Permit |
| HAP000030 | James S. Formoso | Hearing Aid Training Permit |
| HAP000031 | Mona Christine Lynn | Hearing Aid Training Permit |
| HAA000025 | James Halford | Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser |
| HADS000769 | Chris Sonnedecker | Hearing Aid Dispenser |

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| HADS000770 | Sheana A. Richardson | Hearing Aid Dispenser |
| HADS000771 | Marina D. Miller | Hearing Aid Dispenser |
| HADS000664 | Joseph P. Cash | Hearing Aid Dispenser |
| HADE034805 | Aurilink, Inc. | Hearing Aid Dealer |
| HADE034806 | Atlanta Southwest Hearing dba Beltone | Hearing Aid Dealer |
| HADE000061 | Optimal Hearing Systems, Inc. | Hearing Aid Dealer |

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

A motion was made by Henry Williams to reelect the current Chair and Vice Chair for another term. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rhonda Briscoe-Faulkner and **approved** by the Board

Cognizant Report

- Reported on the following case(s):
 - HA050026 Recommended closing case.
 - HA050028 Recommended closing case with Public Consent Order and fine of \$2000.00.
 - HA050030 Recommended closing case with Public Consent Order and fine of \$2000.00.

A motion was made by Dr. Jack Borders to accept the recommendations as reported by the Cognizant. The motion was seconded by Charles Denmark and **approved** by the Board.

Lee Tracy, Executive Director's Report

- Ms. Tracy reported on Senate Bill 124 which called for Residential and General Contractors to be licensed. There was no funding included in the bill for the establishment of a new Board. The funding would have to be taken from the already established Boards of the Professional Licensing Boards Division.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Henry Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Jack Borders and **approved** by the Board.

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 A.M.

Jeffrey Fargason, Chairman

Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards

Prepared by: Dena Kirkman, Board Secretary

Reviewed by: Lee Tracy, Executive Director