

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS
Board Meeting March 14, 2006

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Jeffrey Fargason, Chairman
Vaughn Bray
Charles Denmark
Henry Williams

The following Board members were absent:

Dr. Jack Borders, Vice Chairman
Dr. Rhonda Briscoe-Faulkner

Staff Present:

Lee Tracy, Executive Director
Dena Kirkman, Board Secretary
Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General
Inez Lockett, Senior Consultant EDTU

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

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 Vaughn Bray, and Jeff Fargason. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Cognizant Report

- Reported on the following case(s):
 - HA050023 – Dismiss with Consent Order.
 - HA060046 – Dismiss with Consent Order.
 - HA060047 – Dismiss with Consent Order.
 - HA060048 – Dismiss with Letter of Concern.
 - HA060049 – Dismiss case and refer to Florida Board of Hearing Aid Specialists.
 - HA060050 – Dismiss with Consent Order.
 - HA060051 – Dismiss with Consent Order.

Vaughn Bray made a motion to **approve** the **minutes** as amended from the December 13, 2005 meeting. The motion was seconded by Charles Denmark and was **approved** by the Board.

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

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License No.	Name	License Type
HAP000043	Martin, William Leo, II	Hearing Aid Training Permit
HAP000044	Stratton, Robin Jonelle	Hearing Aid Training Permit
HADS000781	Davis, Kathy Lynn	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000782	Fiveash, David Ralph	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000783	Haney, Wyatt Beasley, III	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000784	Higgins, James D.	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000785	Mink, Matthew W.	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000786	Smith, Grace Harrison	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADE034821	Hearing Tech	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034822	Acousti Care dba Amplifon	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034823	Ambit Hearing Aids	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034824	Dahlongega Hearing Aid Center	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034825	New Age Hearing Aid Center	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034826	Able Hearing Solutions Inc. dba Beltone	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034827	Able Hearing Solutions Inc. dba Beltone	Hearing Aid Dealer

RULES REVISION

Jeff Fargason, Board Chair, presented Rule 276-12-.03 for Posting and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of Rule 276-12-.03 does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. § 43-20-4 and 43-20-6.

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

A motion was made by Vaughn to post the rule change for Rule 276-12-.03. The motion was seconded by Henry Williams and **approved** by the Board.

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

A motion was made by Henry Williams to give the Executive Director the authority and discretion to sign for Jeffrey Fargason, Board Chair, Consent Orders when received in the Board Office for HA060046, HA060047, and HA050023. The motion was seconded by Charles Denmark and **approved** by the Board.

Miscellaneous

Inez Lockett, Senior Consultant EDTU, presented a Board Report concerning the exam results for the past five years, 2001-2005. There was a discussion

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concerning the possibility of an Exam Workshop to be held in May, 2006, for revising the State Practical Examination.

A motion was made by Vaughn Bray to suspend Kathy E. Rachels' license to practice as a Hearing Aid Dispenser, License No. HADS000729, for failure to repay a student loan, and further move that this suspension will cease upon receipt by the Joint Secretary of a "Notice of Release" from the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation. The motion was seconded by Henry Williams and **approved** by the Board.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 A.M.

Jeffrey Fargason, Chairman

Mollie L. Fleeman, Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards

Minutes approved September 12, 2006.

Prepared by: Dena Kirkman, Board Secretary

Reviewed by: Lee Tracy, Executive Director