

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS
Board Meeting March 4, 2008

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers was held on Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at the Professional Licensing Boards Office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

The following Board members were present:

Jeffrey Fargason, ACA, BC-HIS, Chair
 Vaughn Bray, BC-HIS, CCCA, Vice-Chair
 Dr. Donald N. Cote, M.D., Board Certified-American Board of Otolaryngology
 Ralph T. Jackson, Jr.
 Henry Williams Jr., B.A., BC-HIS

The following Board members were absent:

Kaydn Ochs Williams, Au.D.

Staff Present:

Becky Boyd, Executive Director
 Dena Kirkman, Administrative Assistant
 Carol White, Board Secretary
 Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General
 Sonya Williams, Legal Department
 Meredith Kendall, Legal Department
 Letrice Peaco, Intern, Legal Department
 Chuck Miller, Investigator for Enforcement
 Ben Pearson, Area Supervisor for Enforcement

Jeffrey Fargason established that a quorum was present and declared the meeting open at 9:00 A.M.

Henry Williams made a motion to **approve** the **minutes** as amended from the December 11, 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Donald Cote and was **adopted** by the Board.

Ratify New Licensee Candidates: A motion was made by Dr. Donald Cote to ratify the new licensee candidates as listed below. The motion was seconded by Henry Williams and was **adopted** by the Board.

License No.	Name	License Type
HAP000090	Dooley, Tarrin Shane	Hearing Aid Training Permit
HAA000046	Nowak, Carrie Anne	Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser
HAA000047	Bates, Shannon Voncile Trujillano	Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser
HAA000048	Hall, Robin Elizabeth	Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser
HAA000049	Sims, Mary Clyde	Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser
HAA000050	Smith, Mandy Chong	Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser

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HADS000818	Brumfield, Theresa Thompson	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000819	Guest III, Johnny Andrew	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000820	Harfouch, Rajaa B	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000821	Harn, Anthony M	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000822	Adams, Christopher Jay	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000823	Clonce, Eric Nathan	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000824	Landreau, Cidney Scott	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS 000825	Olson, Edward Wesley	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADS000826	Robinson, Ricky David	Hearing Aid Dispenser
HADE034876	Beltone Hearing Aid Center	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034877	Beltone Hearing Aid Center	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034878	Optimal Hearing Systems Inc Jesup	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034879	Beltone Hearing Aid Center- Cartersville	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034880	New Age Hearing Aid Center	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034881	Miracle Ear – Hiwassee	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034882	Kablers Hearing Aid Center LLC	Hearing Aid Dealer
HADE034883	Hearing Aids Today of America, Inc.	Hearing Aid Dealer

Rules Revision

Jeffrey Fargason, Board Chair, presented Chapter 276-1, Chapter 276-2, Chapter 276-3, Chapter 276-4, Chapter 276-5, Chapter 276-7, Chapter 276-9, Chapter 276-11, Chapter 276-12, and Chapter 276-13 for Posting to adopt at the June 3, 2008 meeting and the Board voted that the formulation and adopt of Chapter 276-1, Chapter 276-2, Chapter 276-3, Chapter 276-4, Chapter 276-5, Chapter 276-7, Chapter 276-9, Chapter 276-11, Chapter 276-12, and Chapter 276-13 does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any license 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. §§ 43-1-2, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-20-4, 43-20-6, 43-20-7, 43-20-8, 43-20-9, 43-20-12, 43-20-13, and 43-20-14.

It is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.G.G.A. §§ 43-1-2, 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-20-4, 43-20-6, 43-20-7, 43-20-8, 43-20-9, 43-20-12, 43-20-13, and 43-20-14 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.G.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.

Rule Revision

Henry Williams made a motion to post for adoption the changes to Chapter 276-1, Chapter 276-2, Chapter 276-3, Chapter 276-4, Chapter 276-5, Chapter 276-7, Chapter 276-9, Chapter 276-11, Chapter 276-12, and Chapter 276-13. The motion was seconded by Vaughn Bray and was **approved** by the Board.

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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 Ralph Jackson and voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Vaughn Bray and Dr. Donald Cote. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Assistant Attorney General Report

Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General, provided a status report which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and /or requests for authority for proposed rules.

Cognizant Report

HA050027	Recommend to close case.
William S. McGaughy	Recommend to issue a Voluntary Cease & Desist.

A motion was made by Henry Williams to accept the recommendations as reported by the Cognizant. The motion was seconded by Dr. Donald Cote and **approved** by the Board.

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Becky Boyd shared with the Board that Board members have to attain prior approval for travel before they can be reimbursed and that Board members can not be paid for travel outside the 48 contiguous states. Ms. Boyd discussed with the Board the proposed internal complaint process with the Board.

Miscellaneous

Sonya Williams and Meredith Kendall from Legal gave the Board a handout and a brief presentation on Discipline and Cease & Desist Orders for the Georgia Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers. The General Provisions list various sanctions that the board may utilize when disciplining an applicant or licensee. Ms. Boyd shared with the Board the GCIC verification consent form will be put online as part of our application packet. Ms. Boyd states this gives the Professional Licensing Board the opportunity to run a report on an applicant's background anytime at the Board's discretion.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 P.M.

Jeffrey Fargason, Chairman

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Becky Boyd
Executive Director

Minutes approved June 3, 2008.

Prepared by: Dena Kirkman, Beverly Cobb and Carol White

Reviewed by: Becky Boyd, Executive Director