

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS
Board Meeting December 2, 2008

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers was held on Tuesday, December 02, 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, CCA, Vice-Chair
Ralph T. Jackson, Jr.
Henry Williams Jr., B.A., BC-HIS
Kadyn Ochs Williams, Au.D.
Dr. Donald N. Cote, M.D., Board Certified – American Board of Otolaryngology

Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist
Dianne W. Patterson, Administrative Assistant
Serena Gadson, Licensure Supervisor
Shondra Chester, Licensure Analyst
Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General
Daniel Stowe, Assistant Attorney General

Jeffrey Fargason established that a quorum was present and declared the meeting open at 8:50 A.M.

Board Hearing:

9:30am Frederick Antonio Dyer Licensee requested postponement of today's scheduled hearing due to insufficient time to prepare.

Board granted the request to reschedule today's scheduled hearing to the March 03, 2009 scheduled meeting date.

Ms. K. Williams motioned, and Mr. H. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), to receive and review information pertaining to Applications, and to receive the Attorney General's Report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Fargason, Bray, Jackson, H. Williams, K. Williams and Dr. Cote.

Executive Director's Report:

1. The 2009 scheduled Board meeting and exam dates were reviewed;
2. Mr. Zimmerman addressed the Board's concerns regarding the vacant position on the Board. Mr. Zimmerman stated that he would contact the Governor's office on the status of the Board member vacancies;
3. Continuing Education requirements reviewed.

Policy Discussion

Board tabled the discussion regarding the drafting of a policy concerning applications presented to the Board with a DUI conviction older than five years with no subsequent arrests/convictions. Board will continue policy discussion at the next scheduled Board meeting.

Rules Discussion:

The Board completed a review of all their posted rules last summer. Many were adopted as posted, others contained mistakes. ED Zimmerman to review all rules again and present to the full Board next meeting with any proposed changes.

Minutes:

Mr. Cote motioned, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to approved the minutes from the September 09, 2008 scheduled meeting as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

Applications

No Applications presented.

Serena L. Gadson, Licensing Supervisor and Shondra Chester, Licensing Analyst discussed licensure requirements and the process of reviewing applications between Board meetings.

Approved Licensees:

Mr. Bray motioned, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the list of approvals for licensure determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

Training Permits

License No.	Name	License Type	Issue Date
HADP000108	Caswell, Tracy Culver	Hearing Aid Training Permit	9/10/2008
HADP000109	Lingerfelt, Dina Willene	Hearing Aid Training Permit	10/28/2008

Dispenser License

License No.	Name	License Type	Issue Date
HADS000835	Caswell, Tracy Culver	Hearing Aid Dispenser	9/29/2008
HADS000836	Spaulding, Debra D.	Hearing Aid Dispenser	9/29/2008
HADS000837	Calkins, Tyler Minton	Hearing Aid Dispenser	9/29/2008
HADS000838	Matise, Kate Palmer	Hearing Aid Dispenser	10/21/2008
HADS000839	Brannon, Alexander M, Jr.	Hearing Aid Dispenser	10/21/2008
HADS000840	Nega, Abera	Hearing Aid Dispenser	10/21/2008
HADS000841	Roberson, Cathy Compton	Hearing Aid Dispenser	10/21/2008

Dealer License

License No.	Name	License Type	Issue Date
HADE034903	JKL Hearing Center Inc dba Mircale Ear	Hearing Aid Dealers	10/21/2008
HADE034904	Hearing Aid Associates Inc.	Hearing Aid Dealers	10/21/2008
HADE034905	Kinsey's Hearing Aid Services	Hearing Aid Dealers	10/24/2008
HADE034906	Dependable Hearing Aid Services	Hearing Aid Dealers	10/29/2008
HADE034907	Miracle Ear JKL Hearing Center Inc	Hearing Aid Dealers	11/4/2008
HADE034903	dba Mircale Ear	Hearing Aid Dealers	10/21/2008
HADS000841	Roberson, Cathy Compton	Hearing Aid Dispenser	10/21/2008

Apprentice Dispenser

License No.	Name	License Type	Issue Date
HAA000052	McDonald, William Turner	Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser	9/29/2008

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.

N.K.L. - Mr. Jackson motioned, Mr. Bray seconded, and the Board voted to accept the signed public reprimand to become effective upon docketing. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Williams motioned, Mr. Williams seconded and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General's Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant Report:

No report presented

Additional Business

Board discussed revising the "Candidate Approval Notification" that is mailed to the applicant by the Exam Division. Letter must clearly state which section of the exam each applicant has passed /failed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Jackson motioned, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:
Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist
Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Jeffrey Fargason, Chair
Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid
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Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

These minutes were approved and signed on: _____