

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS
Board Meeting
June 07, 2011

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers was held on Tuesday, June 07, 2011 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
Ralph T. Jackson, Jr.
Henry Williams Jr., B.A., BC-HIS
Dr. Donald N. Cote, M.D., Board Certified – American Board of Otolaryngology (via conference call)
Deborah Brillling, Consumer Member

Board Members Absent:

Kadyn Ochs Williams, Au.D.

Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General (via video-conference)
Serena Gadson, Licensure Supervisor
Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist

Jeffrey Fargason, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda:

Mr. Bray moved, Ms. Brillling seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda with late agenda items added. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes:

Ms. Brillling moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the following meeting date as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

- March 08, 2011

Executive Director's Report:

1. Mr. Zimmerman reviewed the upcoming licensure renewal process with the Board.

Mr. Williams moved, Ms. Brillling seconded and the Board voted to accept the Executive Director's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Brillling moved, Mr. 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. § 43-1-2(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), to receive and review information pertaining to Applications, and to receive the Attorney General and Cognizant Report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Fargason, Bray, Jackson, H. Williams, Cote, and Brillling.

Ratify List of Newly Licensed Candidates:

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

Hearing Aid Training Permits:

| <u>License No.</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Issue Date</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------|
| HAP000143 | Joyner, Linda Paige | Optimal Hearing 527 Stephenson Ave. Savannah, GA. 31405 | 03-25-2011 |
| HAP000144 | Williams, Angela A. | Miracle Ear 2090 Dunwoody Club Drive #106-246 Atlanta, GA. 30350 | 03-25-2011 |
| HAP000145 | Guest, Johnny Andrew Jr. | JAG Enterprises 237 John Morrow Pkwy Ste. 108 Gainesville, GA. 30501 | 03-29-2011 |
| HAP000146 | Hipp, Lisa R. | Miracle Ear 2090 Dunwoody Club Dr. Ste. 106-246 Atlanta, GA. 30350 | 04-06-2011 |
| HAP000147 | Sims, Steven Kyle | Beltone Hearing Center 7400 Abercorn Street Savannah, GA. 31406 | 05-04-2011 |
| HAP000148 | Davis, Keith Scott | Beltone Hearing Center 149 Reinhardt College Pkwy Canton, GA. | 05-16-2011 |
| HAP000149 | Lindell, Jaron Lee | Affordable Hearing Aids 8601 Baldwin Pkwy Ste. 101 Douglasville, GA. 30134 | 05-26-2011 |
| HAP000150 | Eberhart, Ginger Renae | Affordable Hearing Aids 234 Warrenton Drive Douglasville, GA. 30134 | 05-26-2011 |

Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser:

| <u>License No.</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Issue Date</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|---|-------------------|
| HAA000060 | Hill, Walter W. | Better Hearing Aid Service 2179 Lawrenceville, Hwy | 05-02-2011 |

Decatur, GA. 30033

Hearing Aid Dealers:

| <u>License No.</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Issue Date</u> |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| HADE034974 | Beltone Hearing Aid | 227 Market Place Connector Peachtree City, GA 30269 | 03-10-2011 |
| HADE034975 | Sam's Club Hearing Aid Center | 4701 Log Cabin Drive Macon, GA. 31204 | 04-13-2011 |
| HADE034976 | AccuQuest Hearing Aid Centers | 100 Commerce Street Ste. 360 B Peachtree City, GA. 30269 | 04-13-2011 |
| HADE034977 | AccuQuest Hearing Aid Centers | 3091 Maple Drive Atlanta, GA. 30305 | 04-14-2011 |

Hearing Aid Dispensers:

| <u>License No.</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Issue Date</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|---|-------------------|
| HADS000867 | Carter, Cynthia | Miracle Ear 2150 Walnut Ave, Ste. A Dalton, GA. 30721 | 03-29-2011 |
| HADS000868 | Hale, Rodger W | Miracle Ear 7810 Abercorn Street Savannah, GA. 31406 | 04-11-2011 |

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.

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

Cognizant Report:

Mr. Jackson gave an update on the pending complaint/investigation cases. The following recommendations were presented to the Board.

Cases to be closed:

- HA110005-Mr. Fargason is recused.
- HA110007-Complaint referred to the Speech Language Pathology and Audiology Board
- HA110008-No violation of Board rules/law

Cases pending the receipt of additional information:

- HA110006 and HA110010

Cases pending an Investigative Interview:

- HA110003

Cases referred to Investigations:

- HA110009

Dr. Cote moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to accept Cognizant report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Probation Report:

- Natalie Lloyd-Probation termination request

Mr. Bray moved, Mr. Jackson seconded, and the Board voted to deny the probation termination request due to noncompliance of public Board order. One oppose, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Jackson moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 11:14 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Jeffrey Fargason, Chair
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Professional Licensing Boards Division

These minutes were approved and signed on: September 13, 2011