

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS**  
**Board Meeting \* March 13, 2012**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers was held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at the Professional Licensing Boards Office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**The following Board members were present:**

Dr. Donald N. Cote, M.D., Board Certified – American Board of Otolaryngology, Vice-Chair  
Vaughn Bray, BC-HIS, CCCA  
Henry Williams Jr., B.A., BC-HIS  
Ralph T. Jackson, Jr.  
Joseph Stock, BC-HIS  
Kadyn Ochs Williams, Au.D  
Deborah Brillling, Consumer Member (via conference call)

**Staff Present:**

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

Dr. Donald Cote, Vice-Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:51 a.m.

**Agenda:**

**Approved with late agenda items added**

**Minutes:**

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

- **November 15, 2011**
- **December 06, 2011**
- **January 17, 2012 - Conference Call**

**Executive Director's Report:**

No report presented

**Public Rule Hearing**

(No guest attendees present for the public rule hearing)

**Rule 276-10-.02 Continuing Education Courses**

**Due to additional amendments to be considered, Mr. Jackson moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted not to adopt Rule 276-10-.02 Continuing Education Courses as posted for the 30-day minimum requirement. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Rule(s) Discussion Continued:**

Rule 276-10-.02 Continuing Education Courses

The Rules Committee began discussing possible revisions to Rule 276-10-.02 Continuing Education Courses. Revisions will be presented to the Board at a later date and time.

- Rules Committee: Ralph Jackson, Kady Williams and Joe Stock

**Licensure Requirements: General Board Discussion:**

A physician or audiologist is not required to have a dealer license; **however**, a licensed dispenser is required to have a dealer. A licensed dispenser can be his/her own dealer but, the licensed dispenser has to have a licensed dealer.

**Petition for Variance/Waiver Request:**

- Brenda McDonnell - Rule 276-2-.01 Time and Place of Examination

**Mr. Williams moved, Mr. Jackson seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition for variance/waiver request; insufficient evidence presented to prove hardship. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Ms. Williams 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 Dr. Cote, Bray, Jackson, H. Williams, K. Williams, Stock, and Brilling.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, Dr. Cote declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.**

**Applications:**

**Ms. Williams moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure as a Hearing Aid Dealer. None opposed, one recusal, motion carried.**

- M.K. Pending the receipt of additional information

**Ms. Williams moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure as a Hearing Aid Dispenser. None opposed, one recusal, motion carried.**

- H.D.G. Pending the receipt of additional information

**Ratify List of Newly Licensed Candidates:**

**Ms. Brilling moved, Mr. Bray 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>
HAP000165	Braddy, Stacy	Audiology Assoc. 4145 Lawrenceville Hwy Lilburn, GA. 30046	02-17-12
HAP000166	Guest, Johnny A. Jr.	JAG Enterprises 4099 Oxburgh Park Flowery Branch, GA. 30542	03-02-12
HAP000164	Marsh, John A.	BET Townsend 1650 W. Broad St. Athens, Ga. 30606	02-09-12
HAP000163	Wilcox, John Bradley	Accuquest Hearing Centers 6651 Lake Drive Morrow, GA. 30260	01-18-12

Hearing Aid Apprentice Dispenser:

<u>License No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
HADS000876	Ebert, Ginger	Affordable Hearing Aids 8601 Baldwin Pkwy, Ste 101 Douglasville, GA. 30134	01-17-12

Hearing Aid Dealers:

<u>License No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
HADE034983	ENT Solutions	11 Hospital Way Blairsville, GA. 30512	01-06-12
HADE034985	Hearing Aid Services	122 Kelley Road Cleveland, GA. 30528	02-17-12
HADE034986	North Georgia Eye Services	2616 Warm Springs Rd Columbus, GA. 31904	01-25-12

Hearing Aid Dispenser:

<u>License No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
HAA000065	Lindell, Jaron	Affordable Hearing Aids 8601 Baldwin Pkwy, Ste 101 Douglasville, GA. 30134	01-26-12

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

**Cognizant Report:**

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

Cases to be closed:

- HA120009

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

**Probation Report:**

- Natalie Lloyd, HADS000734-Probation termination request

**Mr. Jackson moved, Ms. Brillling seconded, and the Board voted to terminate the probationary status. License returned to active with no restrictions. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Additional Business:**

1. 2011-2012 Officer Elections
  - Ms. Brillling moved, Mr. Jackson seconded, and the Board voted to elect Dr. Donald Cote as Chair. None opposed, motion carried.
  - Mr. Williams moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to elect Mr. Ralph Jackson as Vice-Chair. None opposed, motion carried.

**There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Williams moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 12:40 p.m.**

**Minutes recorded by:**

Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

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Dr. Donald Cote, Vice-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: June 12, 2012