

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS

Board Meeting Minutes * June 12, 2012

Professional Licensing Boards Division
237 Coliseum Drive * Macon, Georgia 31217

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers was held on Tuesday, June 12, 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, Chair
Ralph T. Jackson, Jr., Vice-Chair
Vaughn Bray, BC-HIS, CCCA
Deborah Brillling, Consumer Member
Kadyn Ochs Williams, Au.D.

Absent:

Henry Williams Jr., B.A.
Joseph Stock, BC-HIS

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General (Via Conference Call)
Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist

Dr. Donald Cote, Chair established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Agenda:

Approved with late agenda items added

Minutes:

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

- **March 13, 2012**

Correspondence:

- International Hearing Society - CBT Exam
- Dr. Terese I. Huber
- Connie Stansberry, Ohio Board of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology
- Eric K. Shinseki-Secretary of Veteran's Affairs/Virginia Akers-Hannah, H.I.S.

Mr. Bray moved, Ms. Brillling seconded, and the Board voted to allow the administrative staff to respond back to all correspondents as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Directors Report:

1. Mr. Zimmerman reviewed with the Board the Memo from Mr. Sam Olens, Georgia’s Attorney General regarding a synopsis to the 04-17-12 amendments to the Georgia Open Meetings/Open Records Act.

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

Rule Discussion:

The Board drafted revisions to the following rules. The Rules Committee will hold a scheduled conference call on June 19th to review and finalize the amendments to each rule. All amendments will be presented to the full Board at their next scheduled meeting.

- Rule 276-10-.01 Continuing Education – Dispensers
- Rule 276-10-.02 Continuing Education Courses
- CE Provider Approval Request Form

Ratify List of Newly Licensed Candidates:

Ms. Williams moved, Mr. Jackson 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>
HAP000167	White, Stephen	Miracle Ear 220 J.L. White Drive Jasper, GA. 30143	04-19-2012
HAP000168	Black, Chance	Accuquest 601 Broad Street SE Ste A Gainesville, GA. 30501	05-21-2012
HAP000169	Michael, Toni	Wossen Bezabih 3295 Merganser Lane Alpharetta, GA. 30022	05-21-2012

Hearing Aid Dealers:

<u>License No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
HADE034987	Affordable Hearing Aids	1050 Shiloh Rd. Ste 315 Kennesaw, GA. 30144	04-04-12

HADE034988	American Hearing Centers	1260 Hwy 54 W. Ste 203 Fayetteville, GA. 30214	04-09-2013
HADE034989	Beltone Hearing Aid Center	3190 Atlanta Why Athens, GA. 30606	04-09-2012
HADE034990	ActivEar, LLC	711 North Jefferson St. Ste A Albany, GA. 31701	04-30-2012
HADE034991	Belcher Hearing Aid Service	803 3 rd Ave West Point, GA. 31833	06-05-2012
HADE034992	Miracle Ear	237 John Morrow Pkwy Ste 1018 Gainesville, GA. 31145	06-05-2012
HADE034993	Miracle Ear	475 Hazel Ave Ste A Demorest, GA. 30535	06-05-2012

Hearing Aid Dispenser:

<u>License No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
HADS000877	Davis, Keith	Beltone Hearing Aid Ctr 134 Riverstone Terrace Ste 301 Canton, GA. 30114	03-15-2012
HADS000888	Dennison, William	Audiology Associates of GA 4145 Lawrenceville Hwy Ste 104 Lilburn, GA. 30047	03-15-2012
HADS000879	Scott, Joseph	ABC Hearing Professionals 2900 Peachtree Rd. NW Ste 210 Atlanta, GA. 30305	05-04-2012

Ms. Brillling moved, Mr. Bray 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, K. Williams, and Brillling.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, June 12, 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:

Mr. Bray moved, Mr. Jackson seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure as a Hearing Aid Dealer/Additional Dealer License. None opposed, Ms. Brillong recused, motion carried.

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| 1. Affordable Hearing Solution | Barton, Linda | Approved for licensure |
| 2. ActivEar, LLC | Miller, Michael | Approved for licensure |
| 3. M.E. | V.W. | Issue upon the receipt of a signed public reprimand with fine for unlicensed practice |

After an in-depth discussion, the remaining Hearing Aid Dealer/Dispenser Applications were tabled for further Board review. All tabled applications will be reviewed at the August Conference Call.

Cognizant Report:

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

Complaint cases closed; no additional actions are required.

- HA110003, HA120006, HA120009 and HA120010

Complaint cases pending the receipt of additional information from complainant/respondent:

- HA120010

Compliant cases pending an Investigative Interview:

- HA110009 – Ms. Debbie Brillong is recused from this complaint.
- HA110010

Complaint cases referred to the Attorney General’s Office:

- HA120001 and HA120003

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

Board Policy- Notification of a Dealership closure or sale:

When the administrative staff receives written notice (via USPS mail service or E-Mail) of a dealership closing, the dealer’s license status will be updated to “Facility Closed”. If no written notice is received, and it is later discovered that a dealership had closed or been sold (no longer operating under the issued license) the status will be updated to “Abandoned”.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m. to be followed by the administration of the scheduled practical examinations.

Minutes recorded by
Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist
Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC1

DR. DONALD COTE
Chair
Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid
Dealers and Dispensers

BRIG ZIMMERMAN
Executive Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

These minutes were approved and signed on: September 11, 2012