

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID
DEALERS AND DISPENSERS**

Conference Call Board Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2012 * 8:00 A.M.
Professional Licensing Boards Division
237 Coliseum Drive * Macon, Georgia 31217

A Conference Call meeting of the Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers was held on Tuesday, August 7, 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
Joseph Stock, BC-HIS
Deborah Brillling, Consumer Member

Absent:

Henry Williams Jr., B.A.
Kadyn Ochs Williams, Au.D

Staff/AG Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General
Amanda Allen, Licensure Analyst

Dr. Donald Cote, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Agenda:

Approved with late agenda items added

Proposed Rule Amendments:

Rule 276-10-.02 Continuing Education Courses

The Rules Committee recommendations from their June 28, 2012 committee meeting were presented to the Board along with a revised CE Request for Approval form.

Mr. Jackson moved, Ms. Brillling seconded and the Board voted to post the proposed rule amendments upon receipt of the Attorney General's office Memo of Authority for the minimum required thirty (30) days, to be followed by a public hearing and consideration of adoption during the next scheduled meeting date. In addition, the revised CE Approval Request form was approved. None opposed, motion carried

Board Policy: Unlicensed Practice Fine Scale

Discussion regarding a Board policy, to be effective this date, for applications for dealerships and/or dispensers where the determination of a period of unlicensed practice has occurred, the following fine scale is implemented and enforced through a public Board Order:

- For unlicensed practice up to six (6) months, \$500; for unlicensed practice of seven (7) to twelve (12) months, \$1000; and for each additional month of unlicensed practice determined over twelve (12) months, \$500 per month. In addition, the license is not to be issued until the Board Order is signed and docketed, and the fine amount determined has been paid.

Effective 08/07/2012

Mr. Jackson moved, Ms. Brillig seconded and the Board voted to adopt the above stated policy implementing a fine scale and policies for applicants for licensure determined to have practiced or operated without proper licensure. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Jackson moved, Ms. Brillig 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, Stock, and Brillig.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, August 7, 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.

Cognizant(s) Report:

Dr. Cote provided an update on the following complaint/investigation case, and the following recommendation was presented to the Board:

Refer to Legal:

- HA120012 (Board Member V. Bray recused)

Mr. Jackson moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to accept Cognizant/Chair report as presented. None opposed, one recused, motion carried.

Mr. Zimmerman, ED, provided the Board with a follow up report on the following complaint/investigation cases and the following recommendation was presented to the Board:

Refer to SOS Investigations for referral to the local county prosecutor’s office for the pursuit of criminal prosecution:

- HA120001/120003

- **Mr. Jackson moved, Mr. Bray seconded, and the Board voted to accept Cognizant/ED recommendation as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

Applications:

None reviewed; Tabled until the September scheduled meeting date

Additional Business:

Board requests an agenda item for the next scheduled meeting be added regarding the dealership licensure process and the principals involved; the application contents.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Jackson moved, Ms. Brillling seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's meeting at 09:25 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Amanda Allen, Licensure Analyst
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

DR. DONALD COTE
Vice-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