

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS

Board Meeting Minutes * June 11, 2013

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 11, 2013 at the Professional Licensing Boards Office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

The following Board members were present:

Ralph T. Jackson, Jr., Vice-Chair
Vaughn Bray, BC-HIS, CCCA
Deborah Brillling, Consumer Member
Joseph Stock, BC-HIS
Jason Murphy
Kadyn Ochs Williams, Au.D.

The following Board members were absent:

Dr. Donald N. Cote, M.D., Chair; Board Certified – American Board of Otolaryngology

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist
Chrissy Lewis, Complaint/Compliance Specialist
Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General
(via teleconference)

Mr. Ralph Jackson, Chair established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented.

Minutes:

- March 05, 2013

Ms. Brillling moved, Mr. Murphy seconded and the Board voted to approve the meeting minutes of March 05, 2013 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List:

March 05, 2013- June 10, 2013

License_No	Licensee Name
HAA000073	Dobbs, Randy Brooks
HAA000074	Millwood, Benjamin Pete
HAP000180	Kruse, Peter John
HAP000181	Williams, Daniel Todd
HAP000182	Scott, Robert Hill, Jr
HAP000183	Walls, Susan M
HAP000184	Reynolds, Tyler Andrew

Dealer Location
HADE035012 A Better Hearing Aid Service
4924 Armour Road
Columbus, GA. 310904

HADE035013 Affordable Hearing Aid Solutions, Inc.
10152 Blue Ridge Drive
Blue Ridge, GA. 30513

HADE035014 Atlanta Hearing Aid Services of Decatur
2655 N. Decatur Rd. Ste # D
Decatur, GA. 30033

HADE035015 Accuquest Hearing Aid Centers
770 Old Roswell Place Ste # 100
Roswell, GA. 30076

Ms. Brillig moved, Mr. Bray seconded and the Board voted to ratify the listing of individuals whose licenses were administratively issued from March 5, 2013 to June 10, 2013. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Director's Report:

- Recently, the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Secretary of State's Office updated their software regarding the Interested Parties list maintained by the Board. The Interested Parties list is a way for the Board to notify licensees, as well as interested parties and associations, of current rules being proposed by the Board. Subscribers of this list are sent electronic notifications each time a proposed rule is being considered by the Board. Any person wishing to receive these notifications must now subscribe to the updated Interested Parties list maintained by the Board. Even if you were previously subscribed to receive such notifications, you will need to complete the subscription process again in order to continue receiving notifications from the Board.

If you would like to receive such notifications in the future, please visit the following link to subscribe: <http://sos.georgia.gov/plb/subscribe.htm>

If you choose not to subscribe, you will not receive these notifications from the Board. The proposed rules may always be viewed at the Board's website: <http://sos.georgia.gov/plb/hearingaid/>

- IHS will begin the administration of the ILE later this year. The current vendor, PSI, has agreed to continue to administer the exam until that time.

Ad Hoc Committee – Research for Consideration of Changes to Practice Act (O.C.G.A 43-20)

No report was presented. A Work Session was scheduled for Wednesday, August 7, 2013 at 8:00 am to be held at the Professional Licensing Boards Office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss rules and revisions to the application forms.

Correspondence:

- International Hearing Society letter to update IHS initiatives underway (no response required)

- L. Umlauf – Inquiry regarding Audiology Assistants programming hearing aids
There are no provisions under the Georgia Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers for audiology aids. Audiology Aids must work under a licensed Audiologists and not a Hearing Aid Dispenser. If the process involves the dispensing of hearing aid devices, then a hearing aid dispenser license would be required. This correspondence will also be shared with the Georgia Board of Speech Language Pathology and Audiology.

Ms. Brillig moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to authorize administrative staff to respond to correspondence as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Stock 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 review Applications and to receive the Attorney General and Cognizant Report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Jackson, Bray, Murphy, Brillig, Stock and Williams.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, June 11, 2013, Mr. Jackson declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were obtained during Executive Session.

Applications For Review:

Dispenser Application:

1. M. R. Denied for licensure; Mr. Stock is recused.

Dealer Applications:

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| 1. A. H. A. C. – (F) | Pending; Mr. Stock is recused. |
| 2. A. H. A. C. – (C) | Pending; Mr. Stock is recused. |
| 3. Better Hearing Aid Services - Jackson | Approved for licensure |
| 4. Better Hearing Aid Services – Covington | Approved for licensure |
| 5. New Age Hearing Center - Toccoa | Approved for licensure |
| 6. O. H. S. I. – (L) | Pending additional information |
| 7. O. H. S. I. – (C) | Pending additional information |

Ms. Brillig moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations for applications as indicated above. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant/Enforcement Report:

Cases recommended for closure:

HA110005, HA110010, HA120012, and HA130011.

Cases recommended for referral to Investigations:

HA130014

Cases reported as pending additional action or information:

HA130009, HA130010, HA130012, HA130013, and HA130016.

Ms. Brillig moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations and report of the Cognizant Member as indicated above. None opposed, motion carried.

Assistant Attorney General Report:

Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General, provided a written status report which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and /or requests for authority for proposed rules.

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

Mr. Murphy moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to authorize the Executive Director to accept the Final Decision for P. H. A. on behalf of the Board Chair. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

- March 05, 2013

Ms. Brillig moved, Ms. Williams seconded and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes of March 05, 2013 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Election of Officers – 2013-2014

This discussion was tabled and will be added to the agenda for the September Board meeting.

Additional Discussion Item:

- Practical Exam – Evaluation (Part 11) and Ear Mold (Part 12):

A proposal was made to schedule 10 slots for practical exam testing. Any additional candidates may be contacted and offered the opportunity to show up on the scheduled exam date, however, would not be guaranteed they would be tested. Scheduling will be determined on a first come/first served basis of applications and based on the received date and a completed file. ED Zimmerman to determine next scheduled exam date if this policy will be utilized based on number of candidates who are ready to test.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m. to be followed by the administration of the scheduled practical examinations.

Minutes recorded by:

Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC1

RALPH JACKSON

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Chair

Executive Director

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These minutes were approved and signed on: September 17, 2013