

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

**Board Meeting Minutes \* August 7, 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 Wednesday, August 7, 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  
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  
Vaughn Bray, BC-HIS, CCCA

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director  
Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist

**Guests:**

Danny Jones, President,  
GA Society of Hearing Professionals

Mr. Ralph Jackson, Vice-Chair established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. The purpose of this meeting was to review Board rules, law, and forms, and, to elect new officers for 2013-2014.

- Application for Licensure as a Hearing Aid Dealer was reviewed and amendments were made to clarify several questions.
- A discussion of the process and possible changes to the practice act took place. Items considered include allowance for a nationwide background check and changes to 43-27(f) regarding failure to notify the Board of address changes.
- There was discussion of a Bill of Sale audit. Action on this discussion was tabled and may be considered during the next licensure period.
- The Board was notified of the requirement for licensees to provide a signed and notarized affidavit in addition to a secure and verifiable document for the next renewal cycle in order for the license to be renewed.
- Board members expressed concern over the length of time cases remain open. The complaint process was reviewed.
- The Board discussed the examination for licensure. It was noted that some applicants are failing part XI of the practical exam numerous times.
- The Board discussed changing the meeting times from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. to provide additional time for the Board to conduct business before they are required to conduct the exam in the afternoons following the meeting.

**Ms. Brillling moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to elect Ralph Jackson as Board Chair for the 2013-2014 term. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Jackson moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to elect Jason Murphy as Vice-Chair for the 2013-2014 term. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Jackson moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted for Vaughn Bray to remain Cognizant for the 2013-2014 term. None opposed, motion carried.**

A recommendation was made to conduct officer elections each September.

**There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.**

**Minutes recorded by:**

Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC1

**RALPH JACKSON**

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 17, 2013.