

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS

Board Meeting Minutes * March 25, 2014

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, March 25, 2014 at the Professional Licensing Boards Office, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

The following Board members were present:

Ralph T. Jackson, Jr., Chair
Jason Murphy, Vice-Chair
Dr. Donald N. Cote, M.D., Board Certified – American Board of Otolaryngology
Vaughn Bray, BC-HIS, CCCA
Joseph Stock, BC-HIS
Deborah Brillling, Consumer Member

The following Board members were absent:

Kadyn Ochs Williams, Au.D.

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist

Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Jackson, Chair established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:32a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented

Minutes:

- December 10, 2013

Ms. Brillling moved, Mr. Stock seconded and the Board voted to approve the meeting minutes for December 10, 2013 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List:

Ms. Brillling moved, Mr. Stock seconded and the Board voted to approve the application ratify list for applications administratively issued from December 6, 2013 through March 24, 2014. None opposed, motion carried.

Hearing Aid Apprentice:

HAA000081 Carver, Jerry Lamar

Hearing Aid Dealers:

HADE035033	Miracle Ear	Stockbridge, GA.
HADE035034	Miracle Ear Atlanta	Conyers, GA.
HADE035035	Hearing Care Center Inc.	Cordele, GA.
HADE035036	Ear Dynamics Inc	Macon, GA.
HADE035037	Midtown Hearing Aid Center	Atlanta, GA.
HADE035038	Two Raes Hearing LLC	Roswell, GA.
HADE035039	Beltone Hearing Aid Center	Macon, GA.
HADE035040	Zounds Hearing of Marietta	Kennesaw, GA.
HADE035041	Sam's Club Hearing Aid Center	Valdosta, GA.

Hearing Aid Dispensers:

HADS000902 Jones, Chris Derrill

HADS000903 Hennessy, Matthew
HADS000904 Henriques, Derek Patrick

Hearing Aid Training Permits:

HAP000192 Runion, Kasi Amanda
HAP000193 Munford, Matthew C
HAP000194 Dobie, Jeffrey Edward
HAP000195 Cerbone, Debra Ann
HAP000196 Stinehart, David William

Correspondence:

- Pitt, Richard – Use of Acronyms

Correspondence as noted above was presented to the Board for review. The Board will gather additional information and discuss this at the next scheduled Board meeting to be held on June 17, 2014.

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

The Ad Hoc Committee did not present a report to the Board. A recommendation was made that a high school education should be included in the proposal for legislative law changes and Board rules as a requirement for licensure.

Rules Discussion:

- Apprentice Permit
- Training Permit

Items discussed:

- A recommendation was made to include the language of the law regarding supervision and observation on the Training Permit application and Apprentice Permit application.
- A recommendation was made to amend the Supervisor Dispenser Statement to make it specific with regards to the requirements for supervision in the Apprentice Permit application and Training Permit application.
- A recommendation was made to not require a Dealer Statement in the Training Permit application (not required by law).
- A recommendation was made to limit the number of individuals holding a Training Permit that a dispenser can supervise.

The Board reviewed draft versions of rules for the Apprentice Permit and Training Permit prepared by the Executive Director for consideration by the Board. It was determined that a Rules Committee composed of Ralph Jackson, Joe Stock and Debbie Brilling should meet on Friday, April 4, 2014 at 7:30 a.m. by teleconference for further review and discussion of the proposed rules. All Board members are invited to participate and attend the Rules Committee work session.

Miscellaneous Board Discussion Items:

- Sample Disciplinary Board Actions

Category: Applications/Renewals

Policy:

Title: Staff Approval of Applications for Licensure Related to Arrests/Convictions

Procedure:

The Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers accepts the following guidelines for staff approval of applications for licensure and renewal which indicate that the applicant has an arrest and/or conviction:

Offense	Frequency	Time Period	Action
DUI	One Time	No Time Period	If conviction is older than five years proceed with licensure. If conviction is less than five years license with LOC Alcohol.
DUI	Two Times	More than four years between convictions	If conviction is older than five years proceed with licensure. If conviction is less than five years license with LOC Alcohol.
Bad Checks, Municipal Ordinance Violations, Driving w/suspended or revoked license	Two Times	No Time Period	If conviction is older than five years proceed with licensure. If conviction is less than five years license with LOC Criminal.
Marijuana Possession of Less than One Ounce	One Time	No Time Period	If conviction is older than five years proceed with licensure. If conviction is less than five years license with LOC Drugs.
Misdemeanor Offenses with the Exception of Drug Related Misdemeanor Crimes	No Limit	No Time Period	If conviction is older than five years proceed with licensure. If conviction is less than five years license with LOC Criminal.

Applications for licensure that do not fall within the parameters indicated above will be referred to the Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers for review.

Ms. Brillig moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the above policy titled “Staff Approval of Applications for Licensure Related to Arrests/Convictions” as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

- Practical Exam: Parts 11 & 12
 - 2014 Administration

The Board members were notified prior to the December meeting that the State of Georgia has determined that the Practical Exam cannot be administered using employee models any longer due to liability issues. In addition, due to liability, the State will no longer provide the PLB Exam Center, Macon, GA facility for the administration of the practical exam. The exams will be offered at an off-site location beginning with the exams administered following today’s meeting.

Ms. Brillig moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:25 a.m. 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 the Attorney General and Cognizant Report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Dr. Cote, Bray, Jackson, Stock, Murphy, and Brilling.

At the conclusion of Executive Session at 12:10 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, 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.

Application(s) Review:

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| • Hall, Corey | Training Permit approved |
| • Mid-South Hearing Aid Center, LLC | Approved for licensure (Warner Robins) |
| • N. H. C. – (A) | Approved pending additional documentation |
| • N. H. C. – (T) | Approved pending additional documentation |

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

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| • J. J. – CE Audit Review | CE audit approved |
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Dr. Cote moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to approve the continuing education (CE) audit submitted by J. J. with notice that the 2 hours of medical will not be eligible for CE credit for the 2015 renewal. None opposed, Mr. Bray recused, motion carried.

Cognizant/Enforcement Report:

Case(s) Recommended for Closure:

HA140002 and HA140004

Case(s) Pending Receipt of Additional Information:

HA140006 and HA140008

Case(s) Recommended for Referral to Investigations:

HA130014

Case(s) Referred for a Cease & Desist Order:

HA140001

Ms. Brilling moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations of the Board Cognizant as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Assistant Attorney General’s 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.

Ms. Brillling moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General's Report. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

- December 10, 2013

Mr. Murphy moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to accept the December 10, 2013 Executive Session minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:16 p.m. to be followed by the administration of the scheduled practical examinations at an off-site location.

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: June 17, 2014