

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS

Board Meeting Minutes * September 30, 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 Tuesday, September 30, 2014, in the Professional Licensing Boards division offices located at 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; ABO Board Certified
Vaughn Bray, BC-HIS, CCCA
Joseph Stock, BC-HIS
Kadyn Ochs Williams, Au.D.
Deborah Brillling, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Stacey Mitchell, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General's Office:

Wylencia Monroe, Senior AAG

Mr. Jackson, Chair established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Agenda:

Mr. Jackson moved, Ms. Brillling seconded and the Board voted to approve the agenda as posted. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes:

- June 17, 2014
- August 5, 2014 (teleconference)

Ms. Brillling moved, Mr. Stock seconded and the Board voted to approve the meeting minutes of June 17, 2014 and August 5, 2014 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List:

Hearing Aid Apprentice:

HAA000082 Martin, Charles Lewis
HAA000083 Shirley, Christopher Bridges
HAA000084 Paszkiewicz, Laure Marie

Hearing Aid Dealers:

HADE035049 Optimal Hearing Systems, Inc.
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HADE035051 Beltone Hearing Aid Centers
HADE035052 Beltone Hearing Aid Centers
HADE035053 Miracle Ear Atlanta
HADE035054 Miracle Ear Atlanta
HADE035055 Atlanta Beltone Center

HADE035056 Atlanta Beltone Center
HADE035057 Sam's Club Hearing Aide Center
HADE035058 Sam's Club Hearing Aide Center
HADE035059 Sam's Club Hearing Aide Center
HADE035060 Sam's Club Hearing Aide Center
HADE035061 Connect Hearing
HADE035062 Connect Hearing
HADE035063 Costco Wholesale Corporation
HADE035064 Optimal Hearing Systems, Inc
HADE035065 Sugarloaf Mills Hearing Aid Center
HADE035066 Connect Hearing, Inc.
HADE035067 Optimal Hearing Systems Inc.

Hearing Aide Dispensers:

HADS000909 Hess, Zachary Lee
HADS000910 Munford, Matthew C.

Hearing Aid Training Permits:

HAP000205 Pate, Rozalynne Claire
HAP000206 Grieve, Thomas Edwin
HAP000207 Crespo, Jerry Travis
HAP000208 Dixon, Allyson Lorraine
HAP000209 Robinson, Kourtney Brooke
HAP000210 Cantrell, Larry Joesph
HAP000211 Pitt, Nicholas Brikash
HAP000212 Brennan, Bonnie Joy
HAP000213 Bell, Judy F.
HAP000214 Hames, Thomas Hal
HAP000215 Hames, Michelle M.
HAP000216 Hendon, Jake Tyler

Ms. Brillong moved, Mr. Stock seconded and the Board voted to approve the ratify list of licenses issued between meetings as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Chair Report:

- Mr. Jackson attended the IHS convention. Noted discussion of interest @ convention regarding Texas and that federal law will supersede state law and anyone can sell hearing aids.

Executive Directors Report:

- Mr. Zimmerman suggested that a conference call be held on November 4, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. to adopt the new apprentice rule, 276-9-.01, so that the other new rule, 276-9-.02 Training Permit, and 276-13-.01 Unprofessional Conduct can be posted for a public hearing and vote during the scheduled December 9, 2014 meeting date. 276-9-.01 must be adopted prior to posting these others. Board approved the Conference Call Public Rules hearing for rule 276-9-.01 Apprentice Permit for November 4, 2014 @ 8:30 a.m.
- The new IHS Practical Exam first test date is October 25, 2014. PSI will administer the new practical exam in Atlanta, GA at a PSI testing location. Subsequent test dates for the remainder of 2014 are: November 8, 2014, November 22, 2014, December 6, 2014 and December 20, 2014.

- In addition to administering this new Practical Exam for the Board, PSI will continue to administer the Georgia Jurisprudence (Laws & Rules) and Audiogram exams. The Board will no longer administer any exams following scheduled quarterly Board meetings.

Miscellaneous Board Discussion Items:

- Applications for Continuing Education Program Approval that are not received within the 60 day requirement will not be uploaded for board review. The board staff will send a denial letter to the applicant due to not meeting the required time frame.
- The board discussed changing the number of days for the continuing education application to be received from 60 days to 30 days, which will require a board rule change to 276-10-.02(2).
- In addition, Board Rule 276-3-.01(d)(2) needs correcting: the word “recent” needs to be added. Mr. Zimmerman will prepare both rules for review next scheduled meeting date.
- Mr. Zimmerman will have the wall certificates updated to reflect the new chairperson’s name on the signature portion following the election of officers for 2015 next scheduled meeting date.
- Board member 2015 officer elections will take place at the December board meeting.

Correspondence:

- Hearing Health Center: Letter to be sent thanking them for bringing the information to the board’s attention.

Dr. Cote moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 8:53 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, Williams, Bray, Jackson, Stock, Murphy, and Brilling.

At the conclusion of Executive Session at 10:53 a.m. on Tuesday, September 30, 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:

Dealership Applications:

C.H. – Woodstock, GA
 C.H. – Warner Robins, GA
 C.H. – Atlanta, GA
 C.H. – Roswell, GA
 C.H. – Jasper, GA
 C.H. – Griffin, GA
 C.S.H. – Marietta, GA
 S.E.H.C. – Savannah, GA

Ms. Stock moved, Ms. Brillig seconded, and the Board voted for Mr. Zimmerman to revise the order of the C.H. dealership applications and repost for the Board to review again, and to obtain the requested clarifications from C.S.H. and S.E.H.C. and post for review again. In addition, once approved, administrative staff will issue and ratify issuance next meeting date as with all applications reviewed/approved between meetings. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant (Complaints) Report:

- HA140001
Recommendation: Close
- HA140008
Recommendation: Pending response for complainant
- HA140009
Recommendation: Pending response for complainant

Investigative Interview/Follow Up:

- HA130014 Investigative interview conducted 09-30-2014 by V. Bray & AAG W. Monroe
Decision pending additional information requested.

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

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.

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

Executive Session Minutes:

- June 17, 2014

Mr. Murphy moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 17, 2014 Executive Session minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

2015 Board Meeting Dates (All meetings are on a Tuesday and begin @ 8:30 a.m.):

March 17, 2015
June 16, 2015
September 15, 2015
December 15, 2015

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Stock moved, Ms. Brillig seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:58 p.m. to be followed by the administration of the scheduled practical examinations. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by:

Stacey Mitchell, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC1

RALPH JACKSON

Chair

Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid
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BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director

Professional Licensing Boards Division

Minutes approved on: **December 9, 2014**