

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS
Board Meeting Minutes * March 17, 2015
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, March 17, 2015, 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 (via conference call)
Joseph Stock, BC-HIS
Kadyn Ochs Williams, Au.D. (via conference call)
Deborah Brillling, Consumer Member
Vaughn Bray, BC-HIS, CCCA

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Amanda Allen, Licensure Analyst

Attorney General's Office:

Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Jackson, Chair established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:47 a.m.

Agenda:

Ms. Brillling moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda with late agenda items added. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes:

- December 09, 2014
- February 09, 2015 Conference Call

Ms. Brillling moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to approve the meeting minutes of 12-09-2014 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Brillling moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to approve the conference call meeting minutes of 02-09-2015 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Directors Report and Rules Discussion:

- 276-13-.01 Unprofessional Conduct.

The memo of authority was not granted for the revisions previously drafted to Rule 276-13-.01 Unprofessional Conduct. Board reviewed and discussed possible additional revisions.

After an in-depth discussion, Mr. Murphy moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to table the rule discussion at this time and to schedule a conference call to be conducted on April 14th @ 4PM to finalize the rule revisions.

Ratify Listing of Licenses Administratively Issued between Meetings 09-30-14 to 12-04-2014:

Hearing Aid Apprentice:

HAA000090	Pitt, Nicholas Brikash
HAA000091	Bell, Judy F
HAA000092	Medori, Michael Vincent
HAA000093	Hames, Michelle M
HAA000094	Conley, Marie AnJeanette
HAA000095	Chestnut, Daryl Lenard
HAA000096	Allison, Patrick Louis
HAA000097	Babb, Jared Ryan
HAA000098	Rivers, Montgomery C

Hearing Aid Dealers:

HADE035084	Miracle Ear
HADE035085	Miracle Ear
HADE035086	All American Hearing Aid Centers
HADE035087	Hear At Home GA
HADE035088	All American Hearing Aid Centers
HADE035089	Affordable Hearing Aid Solutions, Inc.

Hearing Aid Dispensers:

HADS000917	Ebel, Perry Alan
HADS000918	Hames, Thomas Hal
HADS000919	Gorman, Trey Rodney
HADS000920	Shirley, Christopher Bridges
HADS000921	Emerson, Carroll Reynolds
HADS000922	Crespo, Misty Williamson
HADS000923	Usher, Pamela Tucker
HADS000924	Robinson, Kourtney Brooke
HADS000925	Bell, Judy F
HADS000926	Conley, Marie AnJeanette
HADS000927	Pate, Rozalynne Claire

Hearing Aid Training Permits:

HAP000222	Accord, James Robert
HAP000223	Jones, Matthew Joseph
HAP000224	Thompson, Joshua David

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

Miscellaneous Board Discussion Items:

Following the scheduled Board meeting, the Board conducted the audit of the Bill of Sales that have been received to date. Each active dealer was notified to submit a Bill of Sale for Board review by no later than February 15, 2015.

Mr. Murphy moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 9:58 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 Jackson, Murphy, Dr. Cote, Williams, Bray, Stock, and Brillling.

PSI (Practical Exam Vendor) Discussion:

Board would like a statement drafted and sent to PSI regarding the topics of discussion that should/should not be held with the candidates by the examination “raters” conducting the practical exams for the Board’s candidates. Mr. Zimmerman stated he would draft the notification and present it back to the Board for their review.

Applicant Interview:

S. S. H.C. - E.F.L.

Ms. Brillling moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the original motion to reinstate license with a signed public reprimand with fine for unlicensed practice. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Review/Clarification:

J.L. Regarding Sponsorship of Dispenser

Cognizant (Complaints) Report:

- HA150008- Pending the receipt of additional information.

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.

Executive Session Minutes:

- December 09, 2014

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 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.

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

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

Mr. Stock moved, Ms. Brillling seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 09, 2014 Executive Session minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Murphy moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:21 p.m. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by:

Amanda Allen, Licensure Analyst

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 on: **June 16, 2015**