

The Georgia State Board of Optometry met via Conference Call on **May 20, 2003** at 1:00 P.M. in the offices of the Secretary of State Professional Licensing Boards Division, Macon, Georgia for the purpose of conducting Board business.

**Board Members present were:**

- H. Kemp Jones, O.D., President
- Kay F. Royal, O.D.
- William W. Cuthbertson, O.D.
- Robin McGhee, O.D.

**Others present were:**

- Anita O. Martin, Executive Director
- Lea F. Williams, Board Secretary
- Wylencia Monroe, Board Attorney

Dr. Jones established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M.

<b>OPEN SESSION:</b>
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**Chapter 430-10-.03:** Dr. Royal made a motion to **adopt** the proposed amendment to Chapter 430-10-.03, Approved Therapeutic Drugs, adding the drug gatifloxacin to the formulary. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cuthbertson, with Drs. McGhee and Jones in favor of the motion. (Attachment #1)

Dr. Royal further motioned that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-30-5, and 43-30-1(2)(B) &(C), nor that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-30-5, 43-30-1(2)(B) & (C) to adopt or implement differing actions for business as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C), & (D), and that the formulation and adoption of this rule will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated and dominate in the field of optometry. The motion was seconded by Dr. McGhee, with Drs. Cuthbertson and Jones in favor of the motion.

**April 9, 2003 Conference Call Minutes:** Dr. McGhee made a motion to **approve** the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cuthbertson and approved by the Board.

**Letter from Patricia Leanne:** No action was taken.

**Fax submitted by Jamie Baughman:** The Board voted to refer Ms. Baughman to the Board's website to review the laws and rules.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Questions asked by exam applicant:** Dr. Royal made a motion to **advise** the applicant that the Board does require licensees to file registration with their Superior Court Clerk, and that only analgesics may be prescribed orally. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cuthbertson and approved by the Board.

Dr. McGhee motioned, and Dr. Royal seconded, and the Board voted to enter into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) to deliberate on disciplinary matters, and/or to receive investigative reports. Voting in favor of the motion were all those present who included Drs. Cuthbertson and Jones.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Cognizant Member, Dr. Jones, presented case **#03-034 and #02-023**.

The Board returned to OPEN SESSION.

**OPEN SESSION:**

**Case #03-034:** Dr. Jones recommended to dismiss the case. Dr. McGhee made a motion to **dismiss** the case as recommended. The motion was seconded by Dr. Royal and approved by the Board.

**Case #02-023:** Dr. Jones recommended sending the case to Enforcement to have the patient records subpoenaed. Dr. Cuthbertson made a motion to **send** the case to Enforcement as recommended. The motion was seconded by Dr. McGhee and approved by the Board.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Conference Call adjourned at 1:20 P.M. on May 20, 2003.