

# GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

## January 12, 2007

A Board meeting of the Georgia State Board of Optometry was held on Wednesday, January 12, 2007, at 10:20 a.m. at the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

**The following Board members were present:**

Kay Royal, President	Bill Sharpton	Patricia Donnelly
R. Whitman Lord	H. Kemp Jones	Dudley Christie

**Others Present:** Sandy Bond, *Executive Director*, Gwen Dodson, *Administrative Assistant*, Wylencia Monroe, *Assistant Attorney General*, Deborah Beard, *Compliance Manager*, Lynn Eason, *Enforcement*

President Royal established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

### Introduction & Discussion

Sandy Bond introduced board staff and stated that the Board will also be hiring a new Board Secretary. Also, Mrs. Bond informed the Board that Mr. Don Munday was chosen as the Interim Division Director for the Professional Licensing Boards.

An open discussion was held as to how Board staff could be of best service to Board Members. Dr. Royal addressed concerns related to how complaints can be expedited. Dr. Lord also expressed his concerns as it relates to turnaround times for certain cases. Dr. Jones related issues pertaining to getting the Rules completed. Sandy Bond assured the Board their new staff members are learning their new responsibilities and will strive to accommodate their needs.

Dr. Sharpton moved, Dr. Jones seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. re-1-2(k)(1)(2), 43-1-19(h)(2)&(4), 43-1-2(k)(4) and 50-14-2(1) to discuss Applications, and to receive information from the Cognizant Report, Investigations and the Attorney General's Report. In favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Kay Royal, H. Kemp Jones, Dudley Christie, R. Whitman Lord, Bill Sharpton and Patricia Donnelly. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

### Agenda:

Dr. Jones moved, Ms. Donnelly seconded and the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented.

### Minutes:

Dr. Jones moved, Dr. Sharpton seconded and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the October 25, 2006, November 29, 2006 and December 20, 2006, meetings with corrections.

### Probation Report:

No report at this time.

### Executive Director Report:

Mrs. Bond discussed the following items of interest:

- 2007 SECO Annual Convention
- ARBO 2007 Annual Conference Meeting

Dr. Sharpton will be attending the 2007 SECO Annual Convention.

Dr. Jones will be attending the 2007 ARBO Annual Conference Meeting.

The Board requests that the board staff submit a quarterly report regarding the status of cases & licensees with the Optometry Board.

**Liaison Report:**

No report at this time.

**Approval of Board Meeting Dates:**

Ms. Donnelly moved, Dr. Lord seconded and the Board voted to approve the 2007 Optometry Board Meeting dates.

DATE	LOCATION
January 12, 2007	Office of the Secretary of State State Examining Boards 237 Coliseum Drive Macon, Georgia 31217-3858
April 18, 2007	Office of the Secretary of State State Examining Boards 237 Coliseum Drive Macon, Georgia 31217-3858
July 25, 2007	Office of the Secretary of State State Examining Boards 237 Coliseum Drive Macon, Georgia 31217-3858
October 24, 2007	Office of the Secretary of State State Examining Boards 237 Coliseum Drive Macon, Georgia 31217-3858

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**Attorney General's Report:**

Assistant Attorney General Monroe reported that of revision of Rule 430-5-.03 is authorized by statutes cited by previous memo to the Board.

**OPT050028:**

Mrs. Monroe is waiting to obtain additional information from Investigations in order to present the case before the Board.

**Cognizant Report:**

No status report.

**Application Report:**

No status report.

**ARBO OE Tracker & CELMO:**

Board discussed the ARBO OE Tracker & CELMO Programs being adapted to the Rules as the primary source for tracking CE credits. The alternative can be paper but must be the ARBO OE Tracker.

Dr. Sharpton moved, Dr. Lord seconded and the Board voted to adopt the ARBO OE Tracker & CELMO Programs by January 1, 2008.

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**Enforcement Report:**

**OPT060013**

Board requested Mr. Eason to collaborate with the Assistant Attorney General Monroe in order to press felony charges on distribution centers selling contact lenses to beauty supply stores in the Atlanta area. Also, Dr. Kemp wanted Mr. Eason to contact FDA to make them aware of this distribution center so they may take legal action.

After further discussion the Board decided that Dr. Jones will draft a letter of complaint to the Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs regarding distribution of illegal contact lenses and Dr. Royal will review letter. Dr. Lord moved, Dr. Sharpton seconded and the Board approved Dr. Jones drafting a letter to the Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs.

**Late Items:**

**OPT030039**

The Board received correspondence by fax that the applicant will not be able to make the scheduled an appearance at the January 12, 2007 board meeting. At the advice of his attorney, he would like to reschedule appearance at the next Board meeting.

The applicant was not issued a Cease and Desist Order by Investigations because of no current address. After further discussion the Board decided to approve the request by the applicant and schedule the personal appearance before the Board at the February 2, 2007 Board meeting. Dr. Royal requested the Board staff to write a letter to the applicant stating this is the final opportunity to appear before the Board. The letter will be sent certified mail to the last known address. The Board should be informed the Board if the letter is returned undeliverable.

Dr. Jones requested Mr. Eason to send investigators to Langford & Lynch Optical Midtown in Savannah, Georgia to check if all the Optometrists have current active licenses to practice.

**Applications:**

Dr. Lord moved, Dr. Sharpton seconded and the Board voted to ratify the following applications for licensure determined to have met licensure requirements issued between Board meetings as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>License No.</b>	<b>Obtained By</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>
Blowe, Jason William	OPT002333	Examination	10/25/2006
Cotto, Carmen Idalys	OPT002334	Examination	12/7/2006
Ngo, Tracy Yen-Khanh	OPT002335	Examination	12/7/2006
Emely, Scott Thomas	OPT002336	Examination	12/11/2006
Patel, Hetal Arun	OPT002337	Examination	12/12/2006
Schultz, Brian E	OPT002338	Examination	12/12/2006
Sivertson, Courtney Ray	OPT002339	Examination	12/12/2006
Washington, Andrea Johnson	OPT002340	Examination	12/12/2006
Treston, James Henry	OPT002341	Examination	12/12/2006
Kim, Maria Mikyung	OPT002342	Examination	12/14/2006
Luzon, Vincente E	OPT002343	Examination	12/14/2006
Oluwadare, Kunle	OPT002344	Examination	12/14/2006
Nguyen, Carey M	OPT002345	Examination	12/14/2006
Mechler, Suzane S	OPT002346	Examination	12/14/2006
Horrom, Wallace Joe	OPT002347	Examination	12/14/2006
Collins, Larrious Earl, Jr.	OPT002348	Examination	12/15/2006
Davison, Janelle Lynette	OPT002349	Examination	12/18/2006
Durban, Moneera M	OPT002350	Examination	12/18/2006
Clark, Stephen Brent	OPT002351	Examination	12/18/2006
Rouw, Joseph L	OPT002352	Examination	12/28/2006

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Gwen Dodson, *Administrative Assistant*  
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Sandy Bond, *Executive Director*

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Kay F. Royal, *President*

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Sandy Bond, *Executive Director*

These minutes were approved on April 18, 2007.