

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Board Meeting
October 22, 2008

The Georgia State Board of Optometry met Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. In Room 107, at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Kay Royal, President
R. Whitman Lord, Vice President

Bill Sharpton
H. Kemp Jones

Dudley Christie

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Sylvia Bond, *Executive Director*
Gwen Dodson, *Administrative Assistant*
Ellen Morris, *Board Secretary*

Wylencia Monroe, *Assistant Attorney General*
Crystal Jackson, *Application Specialist*
Adrienne Price, *Legal/Discipline Nurse Consultant*

President Royal established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Jones moved, Dr. Lord seconded and the Board voted to approve the July 23, 2008 Board Meeting minutes.

ARBO CALL FOR ACTION

No action was taken, for informational purposes only.

DEFINITION OF AN EYE EXAM

A discussion was held to change Board Rule 430-5-.01, Treatment Plans and Eye Examinations, to include dilation as part of the eye examination. The issue was tabled.

OPTOMETRY & OPTICIANS JOINT STATEMENT RESPONSES

Dr. Royal gave an update on how the Optometry & Dispensing Opticians Joint Statement has been effective with responses from different eye centers and optometrists.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mrs. Bond discussed the following:

- Restructuring of PLB
- New Executive Director for the Optometry Board
- Election of Officers

Dr. Lord, 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, Dudley Christie, and Bill Sharpton. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS – CRYSTAL JACKSON

S.J., Applicant# 1142884 – Dr. Christie moved, Dr. Lord seconded and the Board voted to proceed with Licensure by Endorsement upon receipt of current malpractice insurance.

S.H., Applicant # 1123714 – Dr. Christie moved, Dr. Sharpton seconded and the Board voted to proceed with Licensure by Endorsement.

OPTI080031 – Dr. Jones moved, Dr. Lord seconded and the Board voted deny licensure by Reinstatement based on failure to submit proper documentation of 36 hours of continuing education credits obtained in the two years preceding the application.

APPROVED EXAMINATIONS

Dr. Lord moved, Dr. Christie seconded and the Board voted to ratify the following applications for licensure determined to have met licensure requirements issued for the months of July 2008 – September 2008.

<u>License #</u>	<u>Licensee</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
OPT002470	Sheperd, Pamela	07/03/2008
OPT002471	Brice, Mary Elizabeth	07/08/2008
OPT002472	Gupta, Sima Lal	07/09/2008
OPT002473	Appleman, Angela	07/09/2008
OPT002474	Duckworth, Sandra	07/10/2008
OPT002475	Setterberg, Ashley	07/10/2008
OPT002476	Patterson, William Payton	07/10/2008
OPT002477	Toffoli, Nicholas John	07/10/2008
OPT002478	Patel, Mital Baldev	07/18/2008
OPT002479	Helmy, Marc Sacha	07/28/2008
OPT002480	Ward, Alexander S	07/31/2008
OPT002481	Stow, Patrick Alexander	07/31/2008
OPT002482	Owens, Matthew Steven	08/01/2008
OPT002483	Payne, Malique Roxanne	08/07/2008
OPT002484	Stevens, Lynne Sanders	08/07/2008
OPT002485	Long, Alissa Renae	08/12/2008
OPT002486	McBryar, Heather M	08/12/2008
OPT002487	Honeyblue, Shamika Lynette	08/12/2008
OPT002488	Nemeth, Joseph I, III	08/12/2008
OPT002489	Nguyen, Xuandao L	08/12/2008
OPT002490	Locke, Takeia J	08/13/2008
OPT002491	Goukler, Donna Blochaviak	08/20/2008
OPT002492	Patterson, Cara Jo	08/22/2008
OPT002493	Truong, Linhan Tri	08/26/2008
OPT002494	Yin, Hang	08/26/2008
OPT002495	Rhodes, Brie Suzanne	08/26/2008
OPT002496	Seay, Beth Wingate	09/04/2008
OPT002497	Goukler, Ross Alan	09/19/2008

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ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT – WYLENCIA MONROE

The Board Attorney provided a status report which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and/or requests for authority for proposed rules.

OPTI080031 – Dr. Sharpton moved, Dr. Jones seconded and the Board moved to send to Investigations to issue a Cease & Desist order and retrieve the pocket card if the applicant is present at the Hearing in Macon, Georgia on Monday, October 27, 2008 and further investigate to see if the applicant dispensed contact lenses when he worked at Wal-Mart and proceed with criminal prosecution. The Board also moved to send official letters to Wal-Mart and Target Stores District managers stating that the applicant is not licensed in the state of Georgia to practice Optometry.

Dr. Christie moved, Dr. Sharpton seconded and the Board voted to give the Executive Director, Syliva Bond, the authority to sign the Cease & Desist Order upon signed receipt.

ENFORCEMENT- ADRIENNE PRICE

OPT080040 - Dr. Sharpton moved, Dr. Jones seconded with Dr. Lord abstaining the Board moved to refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Summary Suspension or Indefinite Suspension by agreed upon Private Consent Order to include completing a Mental Health Substance Abuse Evaluation and following prescribed treatment recommendations the optometrist may petition for the optometrist may petition for lifting of suspension of license by full Board review after documented compliance.

OPT070003/OPT070012/OPT090003 – Dr. Jones moved, Dr. Christie seconded and the Board voted to refer to Investigations to have the subpoena hand-served.

OPT090006 - Dr. Jones moved, Dr. Christie seconded and the Board voted to close the case.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Gwen Dodson, *Administrative Assistant*

Minutes reviewed and edit by:

Sylvia Bond, *Executive Director*

Kay F. Royal, *President*

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The minutes were approved on January 23, 2009.