

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Board Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
April 10, 2013
10:00 a.m.

Board Members Present

Robert McCullough, O.D.
Jody Whisenant, O.D.
Karen Canupp, O.D.
Jerry Prchal, O.D.

Staff Present

Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General
Steve Lindsey, Acting Executive Director
Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist

Robert McCullough established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Jerry Prchal made a motion, Karen Canupp seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) and 43-1-2(k) to deliberate on enforcement matters and to receive information on investigative reports and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Robert McCullough, Jody Whisenant, Karen Canupp, and Jerry Prchal.

Executive Session

AG Wylencia Monroe provided advice on two issues.

Bob McCullough concluded Executive Session, in which no votes were taken, and declared Open Session at 10:11 a.m.

Open Session

Approval of Minutes from the January 23, 2013 Board Meeting and February 7, 2013 Teleconference.

Dr. Whisenant made a motion to approve the Board minutes as amended. Dr. Prchal seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Approval of the Report of Licenses Issued January 17, 2013-March 29, 2013

Dr. Prchal made a motion, Dr. Whisenant seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to ratify the report of licenses issued January 17, 2013-March 29, 2013

Dima Clanton Rule Variance or Waiver Request 430-11-.01

Dr. Whisenant made a motion to deny the rule variance petition and requests additional information on translated transcripts with course descriptions. Dr. Prchal seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Charles Lee Mellinger Rule Variance or Waiver Request 430-11-.01

Dr. Whisenant made a motion to approve the rule variance petition. Dr. Canupp seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Brad Cunningham Rule Variance or Waiver Request 430-2-.04

Dr. Prchal made a motion to deny the rule waiver petition and requests that he resubmit with detailed information on how this would create a substantial hardship. Dr. Whisenant seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Correspondence from Jennifer Stowe

Jennifer Stowe must complete and submit a Rule Waiver to the Board

Correspondence from Dr. Scott Hannah

Refer Dr. Hannah to Rule 430-5-.01 and suggest that he seek legal advice for issues outside the Boards control.

Board Chair-Bob McCullough

Dr. McCullough discussed HB 235 passed and that allows the use of oral steroids for 2 weeks. Afterwards they can administer anyway other than injection or surgery. Dr. McCullough also discussed the CE requirements and the over 65years exemptions, and mentioned changing endorsement to reciprocity at ARBO meeting.

Attorney General's Open Session – Wylencia Monroe

No report

Executive Director's Open Session - Ms. Tanja D. Battle

Tanja Battle discussed the interested parties list with the Board

Miscellaneous

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Executive Session

The Board discussed the following:

Applications:

1. M.S.

Dima Clanton Rule Variance or Waiver Request 430-11-.01

Board Chair Report-Bob McCullough

Cognizant/Investigative Report- Jody Whisenant
OPT130007

Attorney General's Report – Wylencia Monroe

Executive Director's Report - Ms. Tanja D. Battle

Bob McCullough concluded Executive Session, in which no votes were taken, and declared Open Session at 11:27a.m.

OPEN SESSION

VOTE:

Dr. Canupp made a motion, Dr. Prchal seconded and the Board voted unanimously to accept the following recommendations based on deliberations in Executive Session:

Applications:

1. M.S. –approve pending receipt of valid malpractice insurance

Cognizant/Investigative Report- Jody Whisenant

OPT130007-Board requested copies of records to uphold allegations and Cognizant has not received them yet. Send letter requesting treatment records and records must be received within 30 days.

No more business was discussed and the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

The next Optometry Board meeting will be on Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at the Office of the Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.