

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Board Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
July 31, 2013 * 10:00 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Optometry met Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Betty Ann Lindsey, Consumer Member

Staff Present

Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General
Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist
Chrissy Lewis, Complaint Specialist

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

Agenda: Approved as presented.

Minutes:

- April 10, 2013
- July 2, 2013 conference call

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Canupp seconded, and the Board voted to approve the April 10, 2013 and July 2, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Chair Report:

- Self-prescribing
Discussion regarding self-prescribing of medication and prescribing to immediate family members. This will be an on-going discussion item.
- HB 235
Dr. McCullough notified the Board that HB 235 was passed.
- Review of Optometry law exam
The Board discussed the law exam and the option to review the exam to ensure it is up-to-date.
- Jurisprudence course lecturers and lectures
To coincide with the review of the law exam, the Board discussed the course lecture content. The Board determined they were satisfied with the lecturers and course content at this time.
- Endorsement/reciprocity
A discussion regarding possible differences between endorsement and reciprocity took place.
- Cognizant confidentiality
Confidentiality for complaints and compliance was reviewed for benefit of the Board and new administrative staff.

- Code 67840 clarification
Billing code use is an issue to be discussed between the doctor and insurance provider.

Executive Director’s Report:

Mr. Zimmerman stated that he and the administrative staff of Healthcare-1 looked forward to working with the Georgia Board of Optometry.

Mr. Zimmerman reviewed the requirement for submission of a secure and verifiable document and notarized affidavit for licensure and renewals (December 31, 2013 Expiration Date).

Correspondence:

- M. Rogers – Non-resident CE requirements
Board Response: 36 continuing education hours are required. Jurisprudence taken in another state can count as practice management continuing education hours for those licensees who do not practice in the State of Georgia but hold a Georgia license.
- B. Thomas – Ordering guidelines
The policies and procedures of a hospital or other medical entity would determine the ability for an Optometrist to order routine lab or radiology studies.

Dr. Canupp moved, Dr. Whisenant seconded, and the Board voted to authorize the administrative staff to respond to correspondence as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

Petition for Variance/Waiver:

- Brad Cunningham – Rule 430-2-.04 CE Requirements
 - Denial stands. For additional consideration, a new Petition for Waiver or Variance must be submitted with documentation to support hardship.
- Jennifer Stowe – Rule 430-2-.04 CE Requirements
 - Approved. Approval is granted for the upcoming 2013-2014 renewal only.

Dr. Whisenant moved, Dr. Prchal seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations for petitions for variance/waiver as documented above. None opposed, motion carried.

Miscellaneous Board Discussion Items:

- Foreign Schools
Foreign trained applicants will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- Application Ratify List

<u>License #</u>	<u>License Name</u>
OPT002744	Kang, Doo Yeon
OPT002745	Pierre, Jacqueline La-Shawn
OPT002746	Duncan, Jason Dean
OPT002747	Johnson, Lee Michael
OPT002748	Patel, Margi A
OPT002749	Toman, Peter B
OPT002750	Portillo, Mary Alice Saluke
OPT002751	Belka, Laura Franklin
OPT002752	Bordner, Brett Stephen
OPT002753	Ditmetaroj, Nash

OPT002754	Spears, Kristen Larissa
OPT002755	Kitzerow, Alison Domenica
OPT002756	Chao, Jonathan David
OPT002757	Chuang, Joy Maudjee
OPT002758	Bassett, Sarah Ann
OPT002759	Marvasti, Mojgan
OPT002760	Soltanian, Niloufar
OPT002761	Varnadoe, Jason Kyle
OPT002762	Salehzadeh, Christina Iden
OPT002763	Hooper, Laura Lynn
OPT002764	Hutto, Anthony Blake
OPT002765	Moscow, Scott Robert
OPT002766	Patel, Rinkuben Navinbhai
OPT002767	Thomason, Karla Reece
OPT002768	Peeler, Melanie Katherine
OPT002769	Mellnger, Charles Lee
OPT002770	Hall, Jessica Lauren
OPT002771	Xu, Keping
OPT002772	Mardak, Nicole
OPT002773	Weaver, Anthony Arthur
OPT002774	Kotei, Candace Hines
OPT002775	Johnson, Lindsay Eileen
OPT002776	Montgomery, Ross William
OPT002777	Roberts, Terrence Jawaan
OPT002778	Cheng, Haiying
OPT002779	Riordan, Kimberly Ann
OPT002780	Hahn, Herbert Barton

Dr. Whisenant moved, Dr. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application ratify list for licenses administratively issued from April 10, 2013 to July 30, 2013. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. McCullough moved, Dr. Prchal 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, Karen Canupp, Jody Whisenant, Whitman Lord, and Jerry Prchal.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, July 31, 2013, the meeting was declared to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

Applications:

D. C.	Pending receipt of additional information
L. F.	Denial stands
J. J.	Approved; pending completion of all requirements
Korman, Gayle	Approved for reinstatement
G. L.	Approved; pending completion of CE hours
G. P.	Approved; pending completion of all requirements
Wiedemann, Allison	Approved for reinstatement

Dr. Whisenant moved, Dr. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations on applications as documented above. None opposed, motion carried.

Complaints/Compliance:

Complaint Cases Closed:

OPT110005, OPT130004, OPT130007, OPT130008, OPT130014, OPT130015 and OPT130017.

Complaint Cases Referred to the Attorney General's Office:

OPT130010 – Refer to AG's office for Board Order, with authorization for the Executive Director to sign upon receipt on behalf of the Board Chair.

Dr. Canupp moved, Dr. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant report and recommendations as documented above. None opposed, motion carried.

Attorney General's Report:

A written status and activity report was provided for Board review.

Executive Session Meeting Minutes:

- April 10, 2013
- July 2, 2013 conference call

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to approve the April 10, 2013 and July 2, 2013 meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist, HC1
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1



Dr. Robert McCullough, Chair

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC1

These minutes were approved on: October 23, 2013