

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Board Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
October 23, 2013 * 10:00 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Optometry met on Wednesday, October 23, 2013, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members participating:

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Whitman Lord, O.D.
Betty Ann Lindsey, Consumer Member

Staff Present

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist
Chrissy Lewis, CCA I (Complaints)

Attorney General's office:

Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General

Dr. McCullough established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented

Open Session Minutes:

- July 31, 2013
- September 26, 2013 Conference Call

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Canupp seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes for the July 31, 2013 and September 26, 2013 meetings as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Chair Report:

- ARBO CE Tracker Report is sufficient for licensees continuing education audit purposes
- Online renewal issues reported:
Mr. Zimmerman reported that the Professional Licensing Board is aware of the technical problems some applicants are experiencing with online renewals due to an internet browser compatibility setting. On the Licensing Board webpage, there is a Tip heading, that when selected, will provide instructions on steps that can be taken to solve the problem.

Executive Director's Report:

- Continuing education (CE) audits for the 2013 renewal cycle

Mr. Zimmerman reported that a percentage of the licensed optometry population will be randomly selected for a CE audit. Dr. Prchal agreed to be the cognizant for CE review for this renewal cycle.

Rule Discussion:

- 430-10-.03 Approved Therapeutic Drugs

Dr. Jody Whisenant will serve as the subject matter expert ("cognizant") board member for the review of the Georgia law change regarding pharmaceutical agents authorized for use by a doctor of optometry. He will report back to the Board any suggestions for rule amendments if warranted due to the statutory change.

Correspondence:

- Georgia Optometric Association
Request for opinion of the Board on a sample contract clause

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

Miscellaneous Board Discussion Item:

- Application Ratify List

OPT002781 Fisher, Brian David
OPT002782 Janvier, John James
OPT002783 Scruggs, Miles Douglas, Jr.
OPT002784 Tran, Thuan Thanh
OPT002785 Patel, Gemma Khushboo
OPT002786 Dittmer, Kaylaen Renae
OPT002787 Lakamp, Suzanne Renee
OPT002788 Young, Mary Beth
OPT002789 Bach, Que N
OPT002790 Sabahi, Seyedeh Sadaf
OPT002791 Marzella, Michele Giuseppina
OPT002792 Patel, Janakkumar V.

Dr. Canupp moved, Dr. Prchal seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the list of licenses issued administratively from August 1, 2013 to October 21, 2013. None opposed, motion carried.

- Continuing education requirement changes for those practicing optometry that are 65 or more years of age.

Dr. Whisenant moved, Dr. Prchal seconded, and the Board voted to grant a blanket waiver of the continuing education requirement for the 2013 renewal cycle only for those practicing optometry who are 65 or more years of age due to a hardship resulting from a recent change in O.C.G.A. §43-30-8 requiring those individuals to obtain continuing education whereas they were previously exempt. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session:

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Whisenant 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 application and to receive the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Robert McCullough, Jody Whisenant, Jerry Prchal, and Karen Canupp.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, October 23, 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:

- T. G.

Dr. Canupp moved, Dr. Prchal seconded, and the Board voted to take no public disciplinary action against the license. None opposed, motion carried.

Applicant Appearance:

- L. F.

A decision regarding the reinstatement of licensure was tabled pending the receipt of additional information.

Complaints/Compliance:

- OPT130010

Dr. Whisenant moved, Dr. Prchal seconded, and the Board voted to place a hold on the renewal of the respondent of case COMP130010 to require the licensee submit a paper renewal form and continuing education documentation for a CE audit. None opposed, motion carried.

Cases Closed:

- OPT130013, OPT130016, OPT140002 and OPT140006

Referred to Investigations:

- OPT130012, OPT140003, OPT140004 and OPT140007

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

Attorney General’s Report:

Senior Assistant Attorney General, Wylencia Hood Monroe, provided a written status and activity report on all open cases in the Attorney General’s Office from the Georgia Optometry Board.

Dr. Whisenant moved, Dr. Canupp seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General’s report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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Dr. Canupp moved, Dr. Prchal seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes for the July 31, 2013 and September 26, 2013 executive session meetings as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

2014 Calendar Year Meeting Schedule:

Wednesday	January 15, 2014	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	April 16, 2014	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	July 16, 2014	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	October 15, 2014	10:00 a.m.

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Canupp seconded, and the Board voted to approve the 2014 calendar year meeting schedule as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Dr. Whisenant moved, Dr. Canupp seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by:

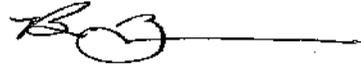
Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist, HC1

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1

Dr. Robert McCullough

Dr. Robert McCullough, Chair



Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC1

These minutes were approved on: January 15, 2014