

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS**  
**Board Meeting February 25, 2004**

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Dispensing Opticians was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2004, at the Professional Licensing Boards Office in Macon, Georgia.

**The following Board members were present:**

Glenn Morris, Chairman  
Diane Drake  
Thomas Schulz

**Others Present:**

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director  
Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary  
Wylencia Monroe, Board Attorney

Chairman Morris established that a quorum was present, and the **public hearing** that was scheduled to begin at 10:00 A.M. was **called to order** at 10:04 a.m.

**Rule 420-9-.02 Continuing Education Hours for New Licensees:** Considered for adoption.

The **public hearing** was **adjourned** at 10:06 a.m. and the **meeting** that was scheduled to begin at 10:05 a.m. was **called to order** at 10:06 a.m.

**Rule 420-9-.02 Continuing Education Hours for New Licensees:** Mr. Schulz made a motion, Ms. Drake seconded and the Board voted to **adopt** the rule.

**420-9-.02 Continuing Education Hours for New Licensees.** An optician licensed by examination during the first six months of the renewal period shall be required to obtain the full ten (10) hours of continuing education; if licensed during the following twelve months he/she shall be required to obtain five (5) hours of continuing education; if licensed during the last six months of the renewal period, he/she shall be exempt from the continuing education requirements for that renewal period only. The full requirement of ten (10) hours must be fulfilled each renewal period thereafter.

O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-29-6, and 43-29-11.

The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-29-6, and 43-29-11 as provided by the Attorney General's office.

The board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-29-6, and 43-29-11 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(3)(A)(B)(C)(D). The

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formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of Dispensing Opticians.

**Minutes:** Ms. Drake made a motion, Mr. Schulz seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes of the October 8, 2003 meeting.

**Rule 420-8-.02 Practical Training and Experience:** No action taken.

**Ratify Reinstatements:** Ms. Drake moved, Mr. Schulz seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the following list of license reinstatements:

License No.	Name	License Type
LDO001237	Robert Yoe	Dispensing Optician
LDO001037	Gary Graham	Dispensing Optician
LDO001861	Raymond Grimball	Dispensing Optician
LDO001914	Douglas Newsome	Dispensing Optician
LDO000440	Betty Gluckman	Dispensing Optician
LDO001840	Marlon Moody	Dispensing Optician
LDO001681	Michael Mitchell	Dispensing Optician
LDO000878	Michael Wilson	Dispensing Optician
LDO001774	Dawn Starkey	Dispensing Optician
LDO000604	Edward Kleinman	Dispensing Optician
LDO001838	Laura Aungst	Dispensing Optician
LDO001457	Donna Hall	Dispensing Optician
LDO001811	Kathryn Clark	Dispensing Optician
LDO001199	Dorothy Swann	Dispensing Optician
LDO001905	Scott Axton	Dispensing Optician
LDO001180	Neta Young	Dispensing Optician

**Correspondence from Robin Williams at Ogeechee Technical College regarding exam:** The Board requested that a response be sent Ms. Williams that the correspondence was viewed as **informational only**.

**Correspondence from Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation regarding student loan default on Kay Strickland:** Mr. Schulz made a motion that the Board suspend Kay R. Strickland's license to practice as a Dispensing Optician, License No. LDO001923, for failure to repay a student loan, and further moved that this suspension will cease upon receipt by the Joint Secretary of a "Notice of Release" from the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation. Ms. Drake seconded the motion and the Board voted to **approve the suspension**.

**Ratify newly issued licenses:** Ms. Drake made a motion, Mr. Schulz seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the following newly issued licenses.

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<b>License No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>License Type</b>
LDO-001959	Batten, Jimmy Dean	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001960	Batts, George W	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001961	Belter, Tangae S	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001962	Boone, Christina Nicole	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001963	Brinson, Donna J	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001964	Dosani, Malik	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001965	Floyd, Richard J	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001966	Fox, Arthur Henry	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001967	Gallas, Barry A	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001968	Geiger, LaKeitha D	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001969	Gordon, Karen Marie	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001970	Griggs, Ricky D.	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001971	Harris, Sonja Marie	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001972	Housewright, Brandon Scot	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001973	Jones, Theresa M	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001974	Kinnard, Joan Marie	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001975	Kohus, Kelly L	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001976	Krichevsky, Yury L	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001977	McPherson, Francis Ryan	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001978	Millsap, Marsha M.	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001979	Mohr, Dawn Michele	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001980	Oliver, Nicole Michelle	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001981	Perez, Ruben	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001982	Price, Cheryl S	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001983	Saddler, Constance J	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001984	Sample, Beth E	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001985	Scott, Karan J	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001986	Stewart, Wade Paul	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001987	Stockton, Susan Joan	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001988	Talavera, Patricia	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001989	Tocci, Joanne	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001990	Toole, Janet Lee	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001991	Tyler, Jacqueline Rae	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001992	Umbarger, Paul Edward	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001993	Vecchione, Joseph, Jr.	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001994	Fleck, Clint Austin	Dispensing Optician
LDO-001995	Howard, Gary Lamar	Dispensing Optician
LDOA000001	Lea, Alisha F	Dispensing Optician Apprentice
LDOA000002	Hughes, Flora Mason	Dispensing Optician Apprentice
LDOA000003	Salyers, Patricia Ann	Dispensing Optician Apprentice

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**Other Business:**

Thomas Schulz requested clarification from the Attorney General's advice concerning his participation with the examination. Mr. Schulz requested that he be allowed to assist with the examination if called upon.

A request was made to have Ms. Inez Lockett from the Examination and Testing Section review the practical and written exams with the board members at the next meeting.

Ms. Drake made a motion to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) to deliberate on and receive information on applications and O.C.G.A. 43-1-19(h)(2) to deliberate on and receive information of disciplinary matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schulz and voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Glenn Morris. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

**Application for licensure submitted by J.R.C.:** Ms. Drake made a motion, Mr. Schulz seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the application for licensure.

**Application for licensure submitted by A.L.L.:** Ms. Drake made a motion, Mr. Schulz seconded and the Board voted to **table** the decision regarding licensure pending receipt of information pertaining to a "yes" answer to question #19 on the application.

**REPORTS:**

**Anita Martin, Executive Director**

- Provided a copy of HB1496. Discussed both HB1496 and HB981. Viewed as **informational** – no action taken by the Board.

**Diane Drake, Cognizant Board Member**

- **Case #DISP040030:** Recommendation to close the case.

Mr. Schulz made a motion, Ms. Drake seconded and the Board voted to **close** the case.

**Wylencia Monroe, Board Attorney**

- **Case DISP030008 and DISP981/06-01-99-0001:** Recommendation to close the case.

Mr. Schulz made a motion, Ms. Drake seconded and the Board voted to **close** the cases.

**Enforcement**

- Case #DISP030007: Recommendation to close the case.
- Case #DISP030008: Recommendation to close the case.

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Mr. Schulz made a motion, Ms. Drake seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the recommendations regarding the cases from Enforcement.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2004 at 10:00 A.M.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 A.M.

**Minutes recorded by:** Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:** Anita O. Martin, Executive Director