

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS
Board Meeting Minutes * December 13, 2016
Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive * Macon, Georgia 31217

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers was held Tuesday, December 13, 2016, in the Professional Licensing Boards division offices located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Board Members Present:

Ralph T. Jackson, Jr., Chair
Jason Murphy, Vice-Chair
Vaughn Bray, BC-HIS, CCCA
Joseph Stock, BC-HIS (via teleconference)
Dr. Donald N. Cote, M.D; ABO Board Certified (via teleconference)

Board Members Absent:

Kadyn Ochs Williams, AUD

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Tiffany Jordan, Licensure Analyst
Linsey Brookins, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General's Office:

Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Jackson, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented

Minutes: September 27, 2016

Mr. Murphy moved, Dr. Cote seconded, and the Board voted to approve the September 27, 2016 meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: 9/27/2016 - 12/8/2016

license No	Licensee
HAA000124	Julie P Kraft
HAA000125	Amos Leon Melvin
HAA000126	Richard Michael Blackman
HADE035159	Miracle-Ear
HADE035160	All American Hearing Aid Center
HADE035161	DBA Moultrie Hearing Aid Ctr
HADE035162	Miracle Ear
HADE035163	The Hearing Aid Center
HADE035164	Belton Hearing Aid Center
HADE035165	Accurate Hearing Care Solutions
HADE035166	All American Hearing Aid Center
HADE035167	Optimal Hearing Systems, Inc.
HADS000968	Lara Ferreira Carvalho
HADS000969	Caitlin Elise Gault
HAP000260	April Lynn Thiery

Mr. Bray moved, Mr. Murphey seconded, and the Board voted to approve the ratify list of licenses issued between meetings as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Rules Discussion:

Rule 276-14-.03. Reinstatement of License

Following the late renewal penalty period, all non-renewed licenses will be revoked by operation of law for non-renewal, and an application for reinstatement must be submitted to seek re-licensure.

(a) Reinstatement shall be within the sole discretion of the Board.

(b) A person applying for reinstatement ~~on or after April 1 of every even numbered year~~ must shall submit the following:

1. For both **dealer and dispenser** applicants for reinstatement, a completed reinstatement application and the **non-refundable** reinstatement application fee; and
2. For only **dispenser** applicants for reinstatement, applying within one (1) year of the effective date of the lapsed license, verification of ~~fourteen (14)~~ twenty (20) hours of Board approved continuing education obtained within two years prior to the date the reinstatement application is received by the Board administrative staff (Refer to Board Rule 276-10 for continuing education information).
3. For only **dispenser** applicants for reinstatement, applying after one (1) year of the effective date of the lapsed license, verification of the retake and passage of both the written and practical examinations required for licensure within one year ~~prior to of the date of the reinstatement~~ application is received by the Board administrative staff, and verification of ~~fourteen (14)~~ twenty (20) hours of Board approved continuing education obtained within two years prior to the date the reinstatement application is received by the Board administrative staff (Refer to Board Rule 276-10 for continuing education information).

(c) Individuals currently/actively licensed and practicing full time in the field of dispensing hearing aids in another state or jurisdiction filing for the reinstatement of a lapsed or revoked Georgia hearing aid dispensers license shall submit verification of twenty (20) hours of Board approved continuing education obtained within two years prior to the date of the reinstatement application (Refer to Board Rule 276-10 for continuing education information).

Authority: O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19 and 43-20-6

Mr. Bray moved, Mr. Murphy seconded and the Board voted to refer the proposed rule amendments to 276-14-.03 to the AG's office for a Memo of Authority, and to post for the minimum thirty days for public view with a public rules hearing to be conducted the next available date following the thirty day posting. None opposed, motion carried.

Misc. Discussion Items:

- HB821 Military Family's & Licensure

The Rules Committee will be meeting at a later date and time to begin drafting rules that will be required due to implementation of HB821 into Georgia law.

General discussion followed regarding all new legislation passed into law during the 2016 legislative session that effects all professional licensure Boards: HB 821, HB 952 and SB 367. These bills will remain posted for Board review and reference.

Correspondence:

- S. Melvin
- S. Czuhajewski

Recommendation:

Refer to the Board Rules & Laws
Refer to Policy Act 43-14

Dr. Cote motioned, Mr. Bray seconded, and the Board voted to allow the Board Staff to respond as directed to all correspondences listed above. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Williams moved, Mr. Murphy seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), to review applications, the previous meetings Executive session minutes, receive the Assistant Attorney General and Cognizant (Complaints) Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Jackson, Murphy, Cote, Vaughn and Stock.

Application Review:

- M.E. – G.
- T.C

Recommendation:

Refer to AG's Office
Approve

Cognizant (Complaints) Report:

- HA160003
- HA160006
- HA170002
- HA170003
- HA170004
- HA170005 (J. Murphy recused)

Recommendation:

Close
Pending receipt of additional information
Close
Pending receipt of additional information
Close
Schedule Investigative Interview

Assistant Attorney General Report:

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

Executive Session Minutes:

- September 27, 2016

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, Mr. Jackson declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were obtained during Executive Session.

Mr. Bray moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation on the applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Murphy moved, Dr. Cote seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Cognizant's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Bray moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General's Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Cote moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the September 27, 2016 Executive Session minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Murphy moved, Mr. Bray seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:52 a.m. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Brookins, BSS, HC1

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC1

RALPH JACKSON

Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director, HC-1

These minutes were approved on: **March 14, 2017**