

**GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 9, 2016**

A meeting of the Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians was held Wednesday, November 9, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m. in the office of the Secretary of State at the Professional Licensing Boards Division at 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia.

Board Members Present:

Diane Drake, Chair (By Telephone)
Glenn Morris, Vice-Chair
Lurue Lord
Dave Meldrum
Bob Reynolds

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC-1
Tracy Allen, Licensing Analyst
Linsey Brookins, BSS HC-1

Attorney General's Office Representative:

Wylencia Monroe, Esq., Assistant Attorney General

Ms. Drake, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented

Meeting Minutes:

- August 10, 2016
- September 7, 2016 C.C.
- September 21, 2016 C.C.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris seconded and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2016 Board meeting as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Reynolds moved, Mr. Morris seconded and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2016 Conference Call Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Lord seconded and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the September 21, 2016 Conference Call Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Reynolds moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C. G. A. 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), 43-1-2(k) (3) (4), 43-1-2(k) (4) and 50-14-4(b) to review the actual online NCLE Practical Exam (computer based test - CBT) presented by representative Jim Morris of ABO/NCLE. Voting in favor of the motion were those present, Board members Drake, Meldrum, Lord, Reynolds and Morris.

Board Presentation:

- Mr. Jim Morris presented the CBT NCLE Practical Exam to the Board members. Applicants are currently required to take both the NCLE and ABO Practical Exams as part of the licensure requirements in Georgia. As the actual exam was presented to the Board members, it was done so in closed session to protect the integrity of the exam.

At the conclusion of Executive Session presentation on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, Ms. Drake declared the meeting back into "open" session pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were obtained during Executive Session.

Correspondence:

- Hilary Redd – RE State of Residency & Apprentice Hours
Board Response: A properly registered Georgia apprentice should be able to work under the direct supervision of a Georgia licensed professional in another state. Documentation in the form of work schedules or other records would be necessary to properly document this.
- Keith Werle – Request to Review Additional Education Program
Board Response: The program does not appear to meet the minimum requirements set forth in the law.
- Diane Drake – HB775
Board Response: Refer to AG’s Office for an “official” opinion of the new statutory language as it regards to dispensing optician’s ability to duplicate prescription eyewear.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris seconded and four of the five Board members voted to request an “official” opinion from the Attorney General’s office regarding this new statutory language effect on licensed dispensing opticians, one member opposed. Motion carried.

Board Rules Discussion:

420-9-.01 Continuing Education for License Renewals

(1) Continuing Education courses totaling at least ten (10) hours shall be required for the biennial renewal of licenses. Of the ten (10) hours, a minimum of two (2) hours shall be in the area of contact lenses. Effective 04-01-2017, of the ten (10) hours, one hour must be on Georgia Opticianry Laws and Rules. Effective 04-01-2017, of the ten (10) hours, six (6) hours must be technically approved hours (which may be either spectacles or contact lenses). Of the ten (10) hours, no more than five (5) hours may be obtained via the internet. Effective 04-01-2017, of the ten (10) continuing education hours for renewal, no hours may be obtained or will be accepted for renewal via the internet or home study except for those provided by the Opticians Association of America, the National Academy of Opticianry or the Opticians Association of Georgia. No more than eight (8) hours of continuing education may be obtained in one twenty-four hour day.

(2) With his/her application for license renewal, each licensed dispensing optician must submit an affidavit of course hours completed as proof that his/her education requirements have been satisfied.

(3) No duplicate courses will be accepted during the same renewal period. No courses under the same title, by the same instructor, will be accepted for renewal purposes.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris seconded and the Board voted to refer the proposed rule amendments of 420-9-.01 as discussed during today’s meeting to the AG’s office for a Memo of Authority, and to post the proposed rule amendment for the required thirty days minimum for public view and comment, with a public rules hearing to be scheduled as soon as possible following the thirty day posting. None opposed, motion carried.

Policies Discussion

The Board decided to table this discussion for a future meeting date.

Ratify List: August 4, 2016 to October 31, 2016

LDO002678	Anita Rena Collins Hancock	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002679	Randy James Cammack	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002680	Jennifer Lynn James Lopez	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002681	Shondell Wright Idahosa	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002682	Paige Marie Livernois	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002683	Nydia Jeanette Long	Dispensing Opticians

LDO002684	Gazal Sabeti Tabrizipour	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002685	Michael Robert Doucette, Jr	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001420	Zenya Marie Cunningham	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001421	Ramon Antonio Mirbon	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001422	Ashley Marie Morris	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001423	Suzanna Maria Johnson	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001424	Anna Rebecca Smith	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001425	Junior Charles Demas	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001426	Amanda Brooke Dover	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001427	Shawn Ann Murray	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001428	Briana Rachel Bates	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001429	Latoya Walker	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001430	Kendra Faith Ridings	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001431	Guadalupe Castellanos	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001432	Dana L Baines	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001433	Dejuan Bundrage	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001434	Teresa Nell Chester	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001435	Thomas Hunter Roloff	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001436	Andrea Kathleen Oliver	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001437	Michael Joseph Bento	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001438	Vera V Filatova	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001439	Ashley Valdovirios	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001440	Jennifer D Pipkins	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001441	Amanda Marie Taylor	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001442	Yvette Leart Sherman	Dispensing Opticians

Mr. Reynolds moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded and the Board voted to approve the ratify listing of licenses issued between meetings administratively. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Reynolds moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C. G. A. 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), 43-1-2(k) (3) (4), 43-1-2(k) (4) and 50-14-4(b) to review applications, and to receive the Cognizant’s Enforcement/Complaint report and receive a report from the Assistant Attorney General. Voting in favor of the motion were those present, Board members Drake, Meldrum, Lord, Reynolds and Morris.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, November 9, 2016, Ms. Drake declared the meeting back into “open” session pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were obtained during Executive Session.

Attorney General’s Report

Assistant Attorney General, Wylencia Monroe provided the Board with a verbal status report which included any matters that were reported for action.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris seconded and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General’s report as presented. None opposed, motion carried

Cognizant/Enforcement Complaint Report:

Cases Recommended for Closure:

- DISP160015, DISP160020, DISP160022, DISP160024, DISP160025 and DISP170001

Refer to Optometry Board:

- DISP160022

Cases Recommended Referral to Investigations:

- DISP160026

Mr. Morris moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant Board members report regarding complaints as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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Recommendations:

Approve as amended
Approve as presented
Approve as presented

Ms. Lord moved, Mr. Reynolds seconded and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes, with the recommended correction, from the August 10, 2016 Board meeting as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris moved, Mr. Reynolds seconded and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes from the September 7, 2016 Conference Call Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Lord seconded and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes from the September 21, 2016 Conference Call Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris motioned, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Brookins, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

DIANE DRAKE

Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director, HC1

These minutes were approved on:

February 08, 2017