

GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 8, 2017

A meeting of the Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians was held Wednesday, February 8, 2017 @ 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
Glenn Morris, Vice-Chair
Lurue Lord (via telephone)
Dave Meldrum (via telephone)
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
(via telephone)

Ms. Drake, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with additional items:

- Bob Reynolds – Reciprocity/Endorsement with South Carolina licensees

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Reynolds 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, Reynolds, Lord and Morris.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 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. Morris moved, Mr. Reynolds seconded and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried

Cognizant/Enforcement Complaint Report:

Recommended Referral back to Investigations:

- DISP160018

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

Executive Session Minutes:

- November 9, 2016

Recommendations:

Approve as presented

Ms. Morris moved, Mr. Reynolds seconded and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes from the November 9, 2016 Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Applications:

- T.F.
- J.K.
- J.O.

Recommendation:

Approve
Pending receipt of additional information
Approve

Correspondence:

- B.B.

Recommendation:

Respond to Individual as discussed

Meeting Minutes:

- November 9, 2016

Recommendations:

Approve as presented

Mr. Morris moved, Mr. Reynolds seconded and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the November 9, 2016 Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Tom Blair & Wallace Lovejoy - OAG Proposal for rule change to 420-5-.01
Board Response: The Board determined statutory changes to their practice act would need to occur with regard to proposed rule amendments, for now the Board will be watching how this "Mobility Act" progresses. The Board appreciates the information.
- Charles Calhoun – Limited Transportation Customers
Board Response: Georgia law would not allow the dispensing of eyewear under these circumstances. Please refer to Laws & Rules of the Board.

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.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-29-3 and 43-29-6.

Mr. Reynolds moved, Mr. Morris seconded and the Board voted to post the proposed rule amendments to Board Rule 420-9-.01 as presented for the required thirty days minimum for public view and comment, with a public rules hearing to be scheduled for March 15, 2017 following the thirty day posting. None opposed, motion carried.

HB 821/Act 452 Military Spouses and Veterans Licensure Act – Effective 07/01/2016:

The act passed into law in July of 2016 requires Board's to promulgate rules/policies as necessary to comply with the act on or before July 1, 2017. The Board determined that an additional conference call meeting would be necessary to discuss the requirements proposed by HB821. This meeting date is scheduled for March 15, 2017 at 8:00 am.

Late Agenda Item: Reciprocity/Endorsement with south Carolina Licensees: Bob Reynolds

Mr. Reynolds presented to the Board information for the consideration of accepting licensees from South Carolina applications for Georgia licensure by reciprocity. His proposal included South Carolina reciprocating with Georgia licensees as well. Response: The Board agreed to keep an open dialogue between the two states in reference to reciprocity between the two states.

Ratify List of Licenses issued between Board Meetings: 11/01/2016 – 02/01/2017

LDO002686	Bianca Rosachel Cummings	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002687	Candace Felicia Bevil	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002688	Claude Rikki Industrious	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002689	Daniel Jose Obregon	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002690	Alicia Louise Rice	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002691	Courtney Nichole Pursley	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002692	Justin Lee McGarr	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002693	Helene G Silverman	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001462	Helga Jacquelyn Moore	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001463	Lani Susuico Lujan	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001464	Jessica Beth Higgins	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001465	Lyric Gabrielle Underwood	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001466	Ansley Blaine Henry	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001467	Holly Rebecca McLemore	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001468	Ashley Nichole Lee	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001469	Carmalita Maria Chenault	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001470	Dawn Marie Epps	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001471	Lindsey Michelle Evans	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001472	Jocelyn LaVern Woods	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001473	Jill Alison Clarke	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001474	Randee Alaina Minton	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001475	Toni Marie Williams	Dispensing Opticians

OPTA001476	Joseph Philip Karcher	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001477	Falguni Gandhi	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001478	Michelle Lee Dallas	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001479	Shandra Bridges	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001480	Tiffany Renee Edmonds	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001481	Kerry DeWayne Smalls	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001482	Amy Elizabeth Rowland	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001483	Gabrielle Hope Joy Kemp	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001484	Emma Katherine Blasingame	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001485	Amber Nicole Wilson	Dispensing Opticians

OPTA001486	Hannah Leigh Belcher	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001487	A'Keithia Nekole White	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001488	Nancy Michele Ulrich	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001489	Ripal Rajiv Patel	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001490	Marjianna Coles	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001491	Valerie Leann King	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001492	Kristie Leigh Holloway	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001493	Lakisha Shawntae Andry	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001494	Larry L Singletary	Dispensing Opticians

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

Mr. Morris motioned, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.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: **May 24, 2017**