

GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 24, 2017

A meeting of the Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians was held Wednesday, May 24, 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 (via telephone)
Glenn Morris, Vice-Chair
Lurue Lord
Dave Meldrum (via telephone)
Bob Reynolds

Members Absent:

Consumer Member (VACANT)

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 10:01 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with no additional items

Mr. Morris 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, May 24, 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 GA AG's Opinion 2017-2 - RE: OCGA 31-12-12(c) and any matters that were reported for action.

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

Cognizant/Enforcement Complaint Report:

- **Recommend Closure:**
DISP160018 & DISP170003
- **Recommended Referral to Investigations:**
DISP170004, DISP170005, DISP170006, DISP170007, DISP170008
- **Recommend referral to Optometry Board:**
DISP170002
DISP150015 & DISP160027 (Review Optometry Board Findings)

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:

- February 8, 2017
- March 15, 2017 Conf. Call

Recommendations:

- Approve as presented
- Approve as presented

Ms. Reynolds moved, Mr. Morris seconded and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes from the February 8, 2017 Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Reynolds moved, Mr. Morris seconded and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes from the March 15, 2017 Conf. Call Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Applications:

- M.A.
- D.K.

Recommendation:

- Approve reinstatement
- Pending receipt of additional information

Mr. Reynolds motioned, Mr. Morris seconded and the Board voted to approve the recommendations made on all applications presented to the Board. None opposed, motion carried.

Ex. Correspondence:

- D.A.

Recommendation:

- Respond as discussed – Not a Matter for the Board

Meeting Minutes:

- February 8, 2017
- March 15, 2017 Conf. Call
- May 4, 2017 Conf. Call

Recommendations:

- Approve as presented
- Approve as presented
- Approve as presented

Mr. Morris moved, Ms. Lord seconded and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2017 Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris moved, Ms. Lord seconded and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2017 Conf. Call Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris moved, Ms. Lord seconded and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the May 4, 2017 Conf. Call. Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- GA Society of Ophthalmology
- M. Doucette – License Questions

Recommendation:

- Refer to the Laws and Rules of the Board
- Refer to the Laws and Rules of the Board

Mr. Morris motioned, Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Board Staff to respond as directed to correspondences listed above. None opposed, motion carried.

Petitions for Waiver/Variance:

- J. Irwin

Recommendation:

- Grant; Renew License

Mr. Reynolds motioned, Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition request for J. Irwin as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Public Rules Hearing:

Rule 420-2-.01. Registration and Reinstatement

(1) All persons practicing as a dispensing optician shall register with the Division Director of the Professional Licensing Boards Division and shall pay a biennial registration fee on or before March 31st of the registration year. Licenses may be renewed between April 1st of each odd numbered year, and May 31st of each odd numbered year with payment of a late renewal penalty fee in addition to the renewal fee. Failure to register and pay the appropriate renewal fee by the deadline shall lapse said license by operation of law. Individual licenses lapsed by operation of law may be considered for reinstatement by submission of an application approved by the Board, any supporting documents or other requirements as defined in 420-2-.01 (3) below, and paying the established registration fee and an additional penalty.

(2) Any service member as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-1-31 whose license to practice opticianry expired while serving on active duty outside the state shall be permitted to practice opticianry in accordance with the expired license and shall not be charged with a violation relating to such practice on an expired license for a period of six (6) months from the date of her or her discharge from active duty or reassignment to a location within the state. Any such service member shall be entitled to renew such expired license without penalty within six (6) months after the date of her or her discharge from active duty or reassignment to a location with the state. The service member must present to the board a copy of the official military orders or a written verification signed by the service member's commanding officer to waive any charges.

(3) Reinstatement of an expired or lapsed license is at the discretion of the board. All applications are to be reviewed by a designated Board member.

(a) An applicant for reinstatement of an expired or lapsed license must submit a completed reinstatement application provided by the Board, pay the required registration fee and additional penalty fee, and comply with one of the following:

1. An application for reinstatement of an expired or lapsed license submitted within two (2) years of the effective date of the expiration or lapse of that license must submit evidence of completion of fifteen (15) course hours of continuing education obtained within the two (2) years prior to the date of the reinstatement application. Of the fifteen (15) hours, a minimum of two (2) hours shall be in the area of contact lenses and must be obtained from a Board recognized approved source pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-29-11(b).

2. An application for reinstatement of an expired or lapsed license that's been lapsed or expired for more than two (2) years, but less than four (4) years, of the effective date of the expiration or lapse must submit evidence of completion of thirty (30) course hours of continuing education obtained within the two (2) years prior to the date of the reinstatement application. Of the thirty (30) hours, a minimum of four (4) hours shall be in the area of contact lenses and must be obtained from a Board recognized approved source pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-29-11(b).

3. An application for reinstatement of an expired or lapsed license that's been lapsed or expired for more than four (4) years of the effective date of the expiration or lapse must also submit evidence of completion of thirty (30) course hours of continuing education obtained within two (2) years prior to the date of the reinstatement application. Of the thirty (30) hours, a minimum of four (4) hours shall be in the area of contact lenses and must be obtained from a Board recognized approved source pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-29-11(b). In addition, the following must be submitted:

(i) Verification of current ABO/NCLE Certification.

(ii) Applicants for reinstatement under this rule who were licensed in Georgia before January 1, 1987 and who have continued to practice in the field of opticianry in another state or jurisdiction, and who currently and consistently have held a valid, unencumbered dispensing opticians license in that state shall not be required to provide current ABO/NCLE certification.

(b) If reinstatement is granted, any continued education hours credited for the reinstatement application shall not be used or applied towards the continuing education requirements for the renewal period following the date of reinstatement.

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

Mr. Reynolds motioned, Ms. Lord seconded, and the Board voted three for, two against for the adoption of the proposed amendments to Board Rule 420-2-.01 Registration and Reinstatement as presented. Majority rules; Ms. Drake and Mr. Meldrum opposed the adoption, motion carried.

2017-2018 Officer Elections:

The Board did not hold a vote for the election of officers; agreed the current officers would remain in place. There is no statutory language requiring the election of officers annually.

Chair: Diane Drake

Vice-Chair: Glenn Morris

Ratify List of Licenses issued between Board Meetings: February 2, 2017 to May 17, 2017

LDO002695	Trudy Marie Fiffie	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002696	Ivanna Ivanivna Kovalchuk	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002697	Devin Marie Barnard	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002698	Tyshawn Virgil Conner	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002699	Lakisha Barnes Harris	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002700	Pablo E. Mercado-Toro	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002701	Kimberly Ann Wilkerson	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002702	Myoung Deuk Cha	Dispensing Opticians
LDO002703	Benjamin Akpocha Idiale	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001495	Allison Leigh Long	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001496	Brittney Nicole Meeks	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001497	Chau Bao Pham	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001498	Stacy Clyda Jones	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001499	Charles Williams Werts	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001500	Amanda Marie Davis	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001501	Alejandro Comas	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001502	Erica Gray Sass	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001503	Kristen M Culbreth	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001504	Jessica Rose Garrison	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001505	Anna Lynn Wright	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001506	Kathy Anita Mobley	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001507	Erin Melissa McCary	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001508	Dominique Ashon Pugh	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001509	Mariaelena Fleming Pizarro	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001510	Vakeshia La'Dawn Saddler	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001511	Keisha LeAnn Dutton	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001512	Brian Peter Chu	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001513	Kelli Hill Cook	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001514	Darleen Raphael Browne	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001515	Haley E Lyons	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001516	Crystal Evelyn Holbert	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001517	Brian Andrew Athearn	Dispensing Opticians

OPTA001518	Alex Anthony Olynyk	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001519	Renee Michelle Robinson	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001520	Connie Patricia Tweedell	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001521	Melissa Elizabeth Hughes	Dispensing Opticians

OPTA001522	Carmela Star Guthart	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001523	Anna Rae Lynn	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001524	Sylvia D Gray	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001525	Jill A Fuentes	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001526	Travis William Proffitt	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001527	Colette P Albright	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001528	Amanda Lee Weaver	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001529	Amber Hope Stowers	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001530	Jessica Lydia Farrow	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001531	Brian D Nardelli	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001532	Emily Ann Peek	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001533	Isiah M Burgess	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001534	Daniel Louis Kiefer	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001535	Brian Scott Hegler	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001536	Scarlet Cherry Finley	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001537	Fakher Bitaraf	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001538	Elizabeth Ann Keating	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001539	Dexter Fredrick Davenport	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001540	Tiffany R Rosell	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001541	Andrea Alison Erwin	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001542	Sarah Ruth Gillen	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001543	Amanda J Cason	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001544	Sarah Antoinette Miceli	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001545	Casheena Latrice Jackson	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001546	Katrina Helen Farmer	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001547	Briana Monet White	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001548	Kendra LaShay Stevenson	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001549	Angie Leigh Mayes	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001550	Mahlet Mekonnen Gelan	Dispensing Opticians
OPTA001551	Amanda Beth Parker	Dispensing Opticians

TOTAL: 67

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 11:50 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: **August 16, 2017**