

GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
CONFERENCE CALL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2017

A Conference Call meeting of the Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians was held Wednesday, June 14 2017 @ 8:15 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
Lurue Lord
Bob Reynolds
Dave Meldrum

Members Absent:

Consumer Member (vacant)
Glenn Morris, Vice-Chair

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC-1
Linsey Brookins, BSS

Attorney General's Office Representative:

Janet Jackson, Esq., AAG
(*W. Monroe absent due to attending business matters)

Ms. Drake, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with additional items:

- Petition for Rule Waiver – OPTA0000965

Public Rules Hearing:

There were no oral or written comment submissions regarding the proposed new rule received in the thirty days of posting for public view and comment, and no visitors were present for the public rule hearing held June 14, 2017.

Rule 420-5-.02 Repealed Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members Licensure by Endorsement

The Board will consider applications by Endorsement for military spouses and transitioning service members as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-1-34 (2017) subject to the following:

(a) As used in this rule, the following terms shall mean:

1. "Military" means the United States armed forces, including the National Guard.
2. "Military spouse" means a spouse of a service member or transitioning service member.
3. "Service member" means an active or reserve member of the armed forces, including the National Guard.
4. "Transitioning service member" means a member of the military on active duty status or on separation leave who is within 24 months of retirement or 12 months of separation.

(b) A military spouse or transitioning service member may qualify for a license by endorsement where the applicant:

1. Holds a license in good standing from another state for which the training, experience, and testing substantially meet or exceed the requirements to obtain a license as a Dispensing Optician in Georgia;
2. Has submitted to the Board a verification of licensure from the appropriate licensing agency of another state showing that the applicant's active license is in good standing in that state;
3. Has submitted documentation satisfactory to the Board which verifies the applicant's status as a military spouse or transitioning service member as defined in O.C.G.A. §43-1-34; and
4. Has submitted a completed application for licensure by endorsement on a form approved by the Board, has paid the required fee.

(c) Effective July 1, 2017, military spouses and transitioning service members may qualify for expedited processing of the license application by showing that the applicant is a military spouse or transitioning service member and that the applicant has paid the fee and meets the requirements for a license under the laws and rules for the type of license for which the applicant has applied.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-34, 43-29-3, and 43-29-6.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Reynolds seconded and the Board voted to adopt Rule 420-5-.02 Military Spouses and Transitioning Service Members Licensure by Endorsement as posted. None opposed, motion carried

In addition, Mr. Meldrum motioned, Mr. Reynolds seconded and the Board voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-34, 43-29-3, and 43-29-6 and that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A §§ 43-1-34, 43-29-3, and 43-29-6 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Dispensing Opticians.

Petitions for Rule Waiver:

- C. Hutto, OPTA000965 – Rule 420-8-.01 Practical Training and Experience

Mr. Meldrum motioned, Mr. Reynolds seconded and the Board voted to deny the Petition request of C. Hutto on the basis the Board does not have the authority to waive or vary the law. None opposed, motion carried

Mr. Reynolds motioned, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 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**