

GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
Conference Call Board Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2020 10:00 A.M.

The Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians met via teleconference on Wednesday, April 29, 2020 @ 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 31217.

Board Members Present:

Glenn Morris, Vice-Chair
Dave Meldrum
Amy Stowers
Gloria Ethridge
Mary Ramsey

Board Members Absent:

Consumer Member (Vacant Seat)

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC-1
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist
Sarah Collett, Licensing Analyst

Attorney General's Office Representative:

Melissa Tracy, AAG

Mr. Morris, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

VISITORS PRESENT: (Open Session)

Jim Morris, Executive Director, NBO/NCLE
Aisha Lewis, LDO

Agenda: Approved as presented

Board Appearance:

Jim Morris, E.D. ABO/NCLE, attending today's meeting via teleconference to provide information on the new Remote Proctored Examination option that other state Boards have offered candidates to take the required ABO & NCLE examinations. Discussion included detailed security measures that the vendor assures while candidates are completing the exam.

After discussion, Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Stowers seconded and the Board voted to approve the Remote Proctored Examination to utilize for Georgia applicant's ability to take the required ABO/NCLE exams remotely. The vote included the Boards acceptance of this test in the future, beyond the COVID-19 pandemic. None opposed, motion carried.

Meeting Minutes:

- January 22, 2020
- March 24, 2020 Conf. Call

Recommendations:

Accept as Presented
Accept as Presented

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Ethridge seconded and the Board voted to approve the meeting minutes from the January 22, 2020 Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Ethridge seconded and the Board voted to approve the meeting minutes from the March 24, 2020 Conference Call Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 1/22/2020 - 4/28/2020

License No.	Licensee
LDO002801	Mark Julian Meyberg
LDO002802	Ripal Rajiv Patel
LDO002803	Rahma T AlAmin
LDO002804	Leighla Gabrielle Couvillon
LDO002805	Janet L. Lairsey
LDO002806	Mary McCall
LDO002807	Erin Melissa McCray
LDO002808	Tyjia Lesha Sherman
LDO002809	Chiquita Renee Stanley
LDO002810	Lyric Gabrielle Underwood
LDO002811	Katie Renee Werts
LDO002812	Briana Monet White
LDO002813	Sandra Jean Russell
LDO002814	Yolanda Marie Christian
OPTA001974	Lynnette Marie Wadley
OPTA001975	Joyce Lequette Barnes Roundtree
OPTA001976	Deborah J Knight
OPTA001977	Ana Lourdes Martinez
OPTA001978	Elizabeth Danielle Clark
OPTA001979	Chelsea Lynn Ahmed
OPTA001980	Maria Jazmin Flores
OPTA001981	Fanchon Takira Conethan
OPTA001982	Anthony Michael Bochicchio
OPTA001983	Veronica M. Richardson
OPTA001984	Aaron Scott Unsworth
OPTA001985	Angelique Michelle Savage
OPTA001986	Alyssa Marie Warren
OPTA001987	Armin Nisperos Rivera
OPTA001988	Jasmine Amari Ansley
OPTA001989	Tiffany Natasha Hayes
OPTA001990	Fallow Irene Foster
OPTA001991	Brittany Nicole Yancey
OPTA001992	Luke Emery Strauchman
OPTA001993	Christy Helen Jinks
OPTA001994	Brenda Garcia
OPTA001995	Alicia Marie Wade
OPTA001996	Kaitlyn Valley Ellis
OPTA001997	Susan Lyn Baxter
OPTA001998	Rosa Elvira Juarez
OPTA001999	Bisceglia Danielle Coleman

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

Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:

- M. Bannister
- S. Helwig

Recommendation:

Deny; Can't waive the law
Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Stowers seconded and the Board voted to deny the petition for M. Bannister due to the Board not having authority to waive or vary the law. None opposed, motion carried.

Misc. Discussion Items:

- Rule 420-5-.01 and O.C.G.A 43-29-7 – *Tabled for further discussion*

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris 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 AG report, complaints and prior meeting executive session minutes. Voting in favor of the motion were those Board members present: Morris, Meldrum, Ethridge, Stowers and Ramsey.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, April 29, 2020, Mr. Morris 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.

Cognizant/Enforcement Complaint Report:

- **Pending Receipt of Additional Information:**
DISP190002, DISP190008, DISP200002

Ms. Stowers moved, Ms. Ramsey seconded and the Board voted to approve the Cognizant members complaints report and recommendations as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Attorney General's Report

Melissa Tracy, Esq. and provided the Board with a verbal status report.

Ms. Ethridge moved, Ms. Ramsey seconded and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

- January 22, 2020
- March 24, 2020 Conf. Call

Recommendation:

Accept as Presented
Accept as Presented

Ms. Ethridge moved, Ms. Ramsey seconded and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes from the January 22, 2020 Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Ethridge moved, Ms. Stowers seconded and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes from the March 24, 2020 Conference Call Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Emergency Rule Regarding: 420-9-.01 Continuing Education for License Renewals

The Board discussed the proposed language for an emergency rule regarding CE hours required for the next renewal cycle and decided to table any further discussion or consideration of an emergency rule until later

this year to see where we are nationwide with this COVID-19 Pandemic/State of Emergency. The next renewal is March 2021.

Mr. Morris moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 12:16 p.m.

Minute recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

GLENN MORRIS

Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director, HC1

Meeting minutes were approved on: **July 15, 2020**