

**GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS**  
**Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 22, 2020 10:00 A.M.**

The Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians met via teleconference/ZOOM on Friday, July 22, 2020. The Board's Executive Director hosted the meeting from the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Consumer Member (Vacant Seat)  
Mary Ramsey

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC-1  
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

**Attorney General's Office Representative:**

Melissa Tracy, AAG

**Mr. Morris, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m.**

**Agenda:** Approved as presented

**Emergency Rule 420-9-0.1-.01 Continuing Education for License Renewals**

**Chapter 420-9 CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**Rule 420-9-0.1-.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. 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. Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, notwithstanding any other rule or provision of law, the requirement that no more than five (5) hours may be obtained via the internet of the required ten (10) hours of continuing education may be obtained 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 will be accepted by the Board, is hereby modified as follows:~~

(a) The required ten (10) continuing education hours for the upcoming renewal cycle ONLY (expiration date of March 31, 2021) may be obtained via the internet or by home study, and shall consist of only those continuing education hours offered by the Opticians Association of America,

the National Academy of Opticianry or the Opticians Association of Georgia will be accepted by the Board; and,

- Of the ten (10) hours, a minimum of two (2) hours shall be in the area of contact lenses.
- Of the ten (10) hours, six (6) hours must be technically approved hours (which may be either spectacles or contact lenses).

(b) This rule shall be effective for the duration of the emergency and for a period of not more than 120 days thereafter.

(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, Ms. Stowers seconded and the Board voted to adopt the above Emergency Rule 420-9-0.1-.01 Continuing Education for License Renewals and send it to the Governor's office for approval as presented. None opposed, motion carried**

**CE Program Approval Requests:**

- CEDO's North Georgia Seminar – Summer 2020
- EyeCare Partners, LLC – Troubleshoot like a Pro

**Recommendation:**

Approve  
Approve

**Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Stowers seconded and the Board voted to approve the course of CEDO North Georgia Seminar-Summer 2020 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Ethridge seconded and the Board voted to approve the course of EyeCare Partners, LLC – Troubleshoot like a Pro as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Ms. Stowers moved, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.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: **October 14, 2020**