

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS

Board Meeting Minutes * March 26, 2019

Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive * Macon, Georgia 31217

The Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers met Tuesday, March 26, 2019 in the Professional Licensing Boards division offices located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Board Members Present:

Ralph T. Jackson, Jr., Chair
Jason Murphy, Vice-Chair
Joseph Stock, BC-HIS
Vaughn Bray, BC-HIS, CCCA
Dr. Donald N. Cote, M.D; ABO Board Certified (Via Teleconference)
Kadyn Ochs Williams, Audiologist (Via Teleconference)

Board Members Absent/Vacancies:

Consumer Member (Vacant Seat)

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Linsey Joiner Board Support Specialist

Attorney General's Office:

Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General
Melissa Tracy, Assistant Attorney General

Mr. Jackson, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with late agenda items:

- Reciprocity for Licensure Applicants
- Posting of Hours of Operation on business doors
- Pass/Fail rate of required exams

Mr. Murphy moved, Mr. Stock seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), to review applications, the previous meetings Executive session minutes, receive the Assistant Attorney General and Cognizant (Complaints) Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Jackson, Murphy, Bray, Stock and Williams

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, March 26, 2019, Mr. Jackson declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were obtained during Executive Session.

Applications Review:

- K.P.
- B.R.
- W.M. – Dallas, GA
- W.M. – Calhoun, GA

Recommendation:

Approve to sit for exam
Approve for licensure
Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

Ms. Murphy moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation on the applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant (Complaints) Report:

- HA180016
- HA180017

Recommendation:

Close Case
Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

- HA190001 Tabled; Pending signed Board Order
- HA190003 Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

Mr. Murphy moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Cognizant’s report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Assistant Attorney General Report:

Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General provided a status report which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and /or requests for authority for proposed rules.

Ms. Monroe introduced AAG Melissa Tracy who will be replacing her as the Boards legal counsel. The Board thanked Ms. Monroe for her years of representing the Board, and wished her good luck with her future position.

Mr. Murphy moved, Mr. Bray seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General’s Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

- December 11, 2018

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Mr. Murphy moved, Dr. Cote seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 11, 2018 Executive Session minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Meeting Minutes:

- December 11, 2018

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Mr. Bray moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 11, 2018 Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Starkey Hearing Technologies – RE IHS Approval – *Refer to Board Rules*
- S. Pritchett – RE OTC Hearing Aid Device Purchases – *Board Information Only*
- PureHearts, Inc. – RE Audiologists/HADS Trainees – *Seek Legal Counsel/Refer to Board laws and rules*

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 12/11/2018 - 3/26/2019

License No.	Licensee
HAA000145	Casey Marie Alligood
HAA000146	Kelly Raye Simpson
HADE035270	Oak Tree Hearing Services LLC
HADE035271	Tri-State Hearing, LLC
HADE035272	Tri-State Hearing, LLC
HADE035273	Tri-State Hearing, LLC
HADE035274	Tri-State Hearing, LLC
HADE035275	Optimal Hearing Systems, Inc
HADE035276	Hearing Solutions of North Georgia, LLC
HADE035277	Cobb Hearing Aid Factory Outlet

HADE035278	Optimal Hearing Systems, Inc
HADE035279	Optimal Hearing System, Inc
HADE035280	Optimal Hearing Systems, Inc
HADE035281	Optimal Hearing System, Inc
HADE035282	Optimal Hearing Systems, Inc
HADE035283	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC dba Hearing Life
HADE035284	Audiology Services Company USA, LLC dba Hearing Life
HADE035285	Optimal Hearing Systems, Inc.
HADE035286	Elite Hearing Centers of America
HADE035287	HCENTI, LLC
HADE035288	HCENTI, LLC
HADE035289	HCENTI, LLC
HADE035290	Audibel Hearing Aid Centers
HADS001009	Amy Denise Farmer
HADS001010	Jeremy Kyle Weigandt
HADS001011	Trenton James Simms
HADS001012	Clark Simon Brenneman
HADS001013	Richard Darrell Falconbury
HADS001014	Kelly Raye Simpson
HAP000302	David Brian Fletcher
HAP000303	Chadwick Thomas Contrell
HAP000304	Monica Maria McDerment
HAP000305	Savannah L Schneider
HAP000306	Karen M Griffin
HAP000307	Kathie E Sibrian

Mr. Stock moved, Dr. Cote seconded, and the Board voted to approve the ratify list of licenses issued between meetings as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Misc. Discussion Items:

- Reciprocity for Licensure Applicants – *Ref: OCGA § 43-20-10 - Ongoing Board discussion item*
- Posting of Hours of Operation on business doors – *No statutory requirement*
- Practical Exam Pass/Fail Rate – *Board discussion only; Board will continue to monitor results*

Mr. Murphy moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 a.m. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist, HC-1

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC-1

RALPH JACKSON

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Chair

Executive Director, HC-1

Minutes approved on **June 18, 2019**