

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS

Board Meeting Minutes * September 24, 2019

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

The Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers met Tuesday, September 24, 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
Vaughn Bray, BC-HIS, CCCA
Joseph Stock, BC-HIS
Dr. Donald N. Cote, M.D; ABO Board Certified (Via Teleconference)
Kadyn Ochs Williams, Audiologist

Board Members Absent:

Also present for his first Board meeting after being sworn into office by Governor B. Kemp, was newly appointed Consumer Member, William L. (“Bill”) Herndon

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Attorney General’s Office:

Bryon Thernes, Esq., AAG
(for Melissa Tracy, Assistant Attorney General)

Mr. Jackson, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with late agenda items:

- Jessica Uzzo, Esq., PLB Legal Section – RE Changes to Joint Secretary Rule 295-2-.04
- Telehealth Practice – Ralph Jackson & Jason Murphey

Mr. Jackson moved, Mr. Murphy 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, Cote, Bray, Stock, Herndon and Williams

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, September 24, 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:

- M.B.
- L.M.
- J.P.
- ENT&AA

Recommendation:

Approve
Approve to Begin Exam Process
Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

Ms. Williams moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations for each application as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant (Complaints) Report:

- HA180017
- HA190003
- HA190005
- HA200001

Recommendation:

Close
Close
Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
Close

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

Assistant Attorney General Report:

Bryon Thernes, substituting for Melissa Tracy, 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.

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

Executive Session Minutes:

- June 18, 2019

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Ms. Williams moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 18, 2019 Executive Session minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Meeting Minutes:

- June 18, 2019

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Ms. Williams moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 18, 2019 Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Late Agenda Items:

- Jessica Uzzo, Esq., PLB Legal Section – RE Changes to Joint Secretary Rule 295-2-.04
*Ms. Uzzo explained the proposed change to this rule would change the current lapsed-late renewal period following an expiration date (December 31st, Odd Numbered Years) for their licensees **from** the current three month period (Jan-March Even Numbered Years) **to** a one month period (Jan of Even Numbered Years). The change, if adopted by the Joint Secretary, would not take effect for this Board until the next renewal cycle, December 31, 2021*

Ms. Williams moved, Mr. Stock seconded, and the Board voted to approve the proposed amendments to the Joint Secretary’s rule 295-2-.04 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

- Telehealth Practice – R. Jackson & J. Murphy: *The Chair/Vice-Chair requested the Board members to begin thinking of what, if any, rule changes may need to be considered with regard to the growing practice of the profession via electronic means (i.e. Skype, Video Conferencing, Etc.).*

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 06/19/2019 – 09/23/2019

Total : 24
HAA000155 Young Sook Row Hearing Aid

HAA000156	Joel Daniel Runeberg	Hearing Aid
HAA000157	Melinda K Mallory	Hearing Aid
HADE035295	Tri-State Hearing, LLC	Hearing Aid
HADE035296	Tri-State Hearing, LLC	Hearing Aid
HADE035297	Optimal Hearing Systems, Inc.	Hearing Aid
HADE035298	Costco Wholesale #1361	Hearing Aid
HADE035299	The Little Clinic	Hearing Aid
HADE035300	The Little Clinic	Hearing Aid
HADE035301	The Little Clinic	Hearing Aid
HADE035302	The Little Clinic	Hearing Aid
HADE035303	The Little Clinic	Hearing Aid
HADS001020	Emma Catherine Anderson	Hearing Aid
HADS001021	Kristi Dawn Leab	Hearing Aid
HADS001022	Jenna Salma Ahdaya	Hearing Aid
HADS001023	Heather Rachelle Senter	Hearing Aid
HADS001024	Heather Elizabeth Lockey	Hearing Aid
HADS001025	Awbrey Elizabeth Stovall	Hearing Aid
HADS001026	Young Sook Row	Hearing Aid
HADS001027	Gregory Alan Yager	Hearing Aid
HADS001028	Kristen Marguerite Pike	Hearing Aid
HADS001029	Joel Daniel Runeberg	Hearing Aid
HAP000314	Jonathan Adam Stevens	Hearing Aid
HAP000315	John Michael Cosenza	Hearing Aid

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

Mr. Bray moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 a.m. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes recorded, reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC-1

RALPH JACKSON
Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN
Executive Director, HC-1

Minutes approved on _____