

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS**

**Board Meeting Minutes \* March 10, 2020**

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

The Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers met Tuesday, March 10, 2020 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  
Dr. Donald N. Cote, M.D; ABO Board Certified (via teleconference)  
Kadyn Ochs Williams, Audiologist (via teleconference)  
William L. ("Bill") Herndon

**Board Members Absent:**

Joseph Stock, BC-HIS

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director  
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

**Attorney General's Office:**

D. Williams-McNeely, Senior AAG  
(via teleconference)

Mr. Jackson, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:51 a.m.

**Agenda:** Approved with additional items:

- Discussion: Rule 276-14-.02 Late Renewal

**Mr. Murphy moved, Ms. Williams 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 and review applications. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Jackson, Murphy, Cote, Bray, Herndon and Williams.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 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.G.

**Recommendation:**

Schedule for Applicant Interview - June 16, 2020 scheduled meeting

**Mr. Murphy moved, Mr. Bray seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations of the applications above as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**International Hearing Society (IHS)** – Sierra Sharpe

9:30 a.m. (via teleconference)

- Practical Exam Update

**CE Audit:**

- L.C.

**Recommendation:**

Approve Renewal

**Cognizant (Complaints) Report:**

- HA190005
- HA200002
  
- HA200004
- HA200005

**Recommendation:**

Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information  
 Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information  
 \*Members Murphy and Bray Recused  
 Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information  
 Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

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

**Assistant Attorney General Report:**

D. Williams-McNeely, Senior Assistant Attorney General, sitting in for Melissa Tracy, AAG, 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. Herndon 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:**

- December 10, 2019

**Recommendation:**

Approve as presented

**Mr. Murphy moved, Dr. Cote seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 10, 2019 Executive Session minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Meeting Minutes:**

- December 10, 2019

**Recommendation:**

Approve as presented

**Mr. Murphy moved, Mr. Herndon seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 10, 2019 Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:**

- R. Harfouch – Rule 276-10

**Recommendation:**

Deny

**Mr. Murphy moved, Mr. Bray seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition for R. Harfouch based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Murphy moved, Mr. Bray seconded, and the Board voted to refer R.H. to the AG’s office. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 12/11/2019 - 3/9/2020**

License No	Licensee
HAA000161	Kathie E Sibrian
HAA000162	Christopher Trey Kiessling
HADE035310	JKL Hearing Center Inc dba Miracle Ear
HADE035311	West Georgia Hearing Services, Inc.
HADE035312	Adams Hearing, LLC dba Adams Hearing Aid
HADS001033	Rashia Makini Sherman
HADS001034	Karen M Griffin

HADS001035	Molly Theresa Landry
HADS001036	Bradley Wuest
HAP000319	Daniel Benjamin Fary
HAP000320	Julia Ryan Hubbard
HAP000321	Jazmin Angelina-Wathiha Wambugu
HAP000322	Valerie Marie Zambrano
HAP000323	Sara Emily Conaway
HAP000324	Skyler Donn Strickland

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

**Board Rules Discussion:**

- 276-14-.02 Late Renewal

**Mr. Herndon moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to refer Board Rule 276-14-.02 to AG’s Office for a Memo of Statutory Authority and to post the following proposed rule amendments upon receipt for the required minimum of thirty days for public view and comment, with a rule hearing to be conducted the next available meeting. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Herndon moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:17 a.m. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Minutes recorded by:**

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC-1

**RALPH JACKSON**

**BRIG ZIMMERMAN**

Chair

Executive Director, HC-1

Minutes approved on: **June 16, 2020**