

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

**ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes \* June 16, 2020**

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

The Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers met via teleconference/ZOOM on Tuesday, June 16, 2020. The Board's Executive Director hosted the meeting from the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

**Board Members Present:**

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

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director  
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

**Attorney General's Office:**

Melissa Tracy, AAG

**Applicant Interview Conducted:** 8:00 a.m.

- K.G.

**Committee Members Present:**

Ralph T. Jackson, Jr., Chair

**Mr. Jackson, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.**

**Agenda:** Approved with additional items for discussion:

- CEU's and COVID-19
- Future Board Meetings via ZOOM
- Reinstatement Rule Clarification

**Obtaining CEU's during COVID-19** – After discussion, the Board decided to table further discussion regarding licensee's obtaining CEU's during COVID-19 via electronic means. The Board is not making any changes to rules at this time and all in-person CEU's are still required.

**Future Board Meetings:** All future Board meetings will be conducted via conference call/Zoom. Boards, with approval, may conduct one in-person Board meeting if necessary, per year. In-Person Board hearings will be considered.

**Clarification: 276-14-.03 Reinstatement of a License** – The Board confirmed that dispensers applying for reinstatement of license after one (1) year of the effective date of the lapse will be required to retake and pass the ILE, GA Jurisprudence (Laws & Rules) and practical examinations for reinstatement pursuant to the rule language.

**Meeting Minutes:**

- May 10, 2020

**Recommendation:**

Approve as presented

**Mr. Herndon moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the March 10, 2020 Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Board Rules Discussion:**

- 276-10-.02 Continuing Education – Tabled for Further Discussion

*The Board agreed to schedule and conduct a follow up rules committee conference call meeting to discuss any necessary revisions/amendments to the above rule. The committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.*

**Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 3/11/2020 - 6/16/2020**

License No.	Licensee
HAA000163	Courtney Summer Cantrell
HAA000164	Sara Emily Conaway
HAA000165	Rachel Isabella Freyre
HADE035313	Walmart Hearing Aid Center
HADS001037	Melinda Kay Mallory
HAP000327	Jacqueline Angela Miller
HAP000328	Alexandria Blaze Wallace
HAP000329	Farrah Danielle Guest
HAP000330	Chelsea Marie Atkinson
HAP000331	Martha Jane Willis
HAP000332	Angela Dawn Elliott

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

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

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, June 16, 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.**

**Applicant Interview Review:**

- K.G.

**Recommendation:**

Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

**Ms. Williams moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation of the applicant interview above as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Cognizant (Complaints) Report:**

- HA190005

**Recommendation:**

Schedule for Applicant Interview

- HA200002 Tabled; pending receipt of additional information
- HA200004 Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
- HA200005 Close Case
- HA200006 AG Referral
- HA200008 Tabled; Pending receipt of addition information
- HA200009, 200010, 2000011, 2000012 Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
- HA200013 Close Case

**Mr. Herndon 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:**

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.

Memo: 276-14-.02 Late Renewal – Accept

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

**Mr. Herndon moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to approve for public release the AG’s Office of statutory authority of 276-14-.02 Late Renewal and to post the proposed rule amendments 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.**

**Executive Session Minutes:**

- March 10, 2020

**Recommendation:**

Approve as presented

**Mr. Murphy moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to approve the March 10, 2020 Executive Session minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Herndon moved, Ms. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 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**

Chair

**BRIG ZIMMERMAN**

Executive Director, HC-1

Minutes approved on: **September 15, 2020**