

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS

Conf. Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes * September 15, 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, September 15, 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

Mr. Jackson, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Agenda: Approved

Meeting Minutes:

- June 16, 2020 C.C./Zoom Board Meeting
- June 30, 2020 Rules Cmte Board Meeting
- July 14, 2020 C.C./Zoom Board Meeting
- July 17, 2020 C.C./Zoom Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented
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Dr. Cote moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 16, 2020 C.C./Zoom Board Meeting Minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Murphy moved, Dr. Cote seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 30, 2020 C.C./Zoom Rules Committee Board Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Murphy moved, Mr. Herndon seconded, and the Board voted to approve the July 14, 2020 C.C./Zoom Board Meeting minutes as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Cote moved, Ms. Ochs-Williams seconded, and the Board voted to approve the July 17, 2020 C.C./Zoom Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Rules Discussion:

- 276-10-.02 Continuing Education

Mr. Herndon moved, Dr. Cote seconded, and the Board voted to refer Board Rule 276-10-.02 Continuing Education 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.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 7/18/2020 - 9/14/2020

license No	Licensee	Profession name
HAA000168	Chelsea Marie Atkinson	Hearing Aid
HAA000169	Monica Maria McDerment	Hearing Aid
HADE035314	North Point Hearing Aids	Hearing Aid
HADE035315	Miracle-Ear	Hearing Aid
HADE035316	Miracle-Ear	Hearing Aid
HADE035317	Miracle-Ear	Hearing Aid
HADE035318	Optimal Hearing Systems	Hearing Aid
HADS001040	Savannah Leigh Schneider	Hearing Aid
HADS001041	Farrah Danielle Guest	Hearing Aid
HADS001042	Jazmin Angelina-Wathiha Wambugu	Hearing Aid
HAP000334	Valerie Marie Zambrano	Hearing Aid
HAP000335	Joel Alexander Pinnell	Hearing Aid
HAP000336	Erick Anthony Townsend	Hearing Aid
HAP000337	Denise Amber Worley	Hearing Aid

Ms. Ochs-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. Stock moved, Mr. Jackson 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, Stock, Bray, Herndon and Williams.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, September 15, 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:

- M.G.

Recommendations:

Tabled; Schedule for Applicant Interview

Mr. Herndon moved, Dr. Cote seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation on the above application as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant (Complaints) Report:

- HA200008

Recommendation:

Tabled; Schedule for Investigative Interview

Ms. Ochs-Williams moved, Mr. Stock 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.

- **R.B.H.** – Rescind original referral to AG’s office; Refer new Public Order to AG’s office

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

Mr. Stock moved, Mr. Williams seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the original referral of R.B.H. to the AG’s office as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Cote moved, Ms. Ochs-Williams seconded, and the Board voted to refer the new Public Board Order of R.B.H. to the AG’s office as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

Recommendation:

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| • July 2, 2020 Inv. Interviews Cmte Meeting | Approve as presented |
| • June 16, 2020 Conf. Call/Zoom Board Meeting | Approve as presented |
| • June 25, 2020 Inv. Interviews Cmte Meeting | Approve as presented |
| • July 14, 2020 Conf. Call/Zoom Board Meeting | Approve as presented |

Mr. Stock moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the July 2, 2020 Executive Session Investigative Interviews Committee meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Stock moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 16, 2020 Executive Session Conf. Call/Zoom Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Stock moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the June 25, 2020 Executive Session Investigative Interviews Committee Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Stock moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the July 14, 2020 Executive Session Conf. Call/Zoom Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Herndon moved, Ms. Ochs-Williams seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 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: **December 15, 2020**