

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS

Conf. Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes * December 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, December 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
Kadyn Ochs-Williams, Audiologist
William L. ("Bill") Herndon, Consumer Member

Absent:

Joseph Stock, BC-HIS

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 9:04 a.m.

Agenda: Approved

Meeting Minutes:

- September 15, 2020 C.C./ZOOM Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Dr. Cote moved, Mr. Herndon seconded, and the Board voted to approve the September 15, 2020 C.C./Zoom Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 09/16/2020 to 12/11/2020

Total: 28

license No	Licensee
HAA000170	John Michael Cosenza
HAA000171	Valerie Marie Zambrano
HAA000172	Jacqueline Angela Miller
HAA000173	Velma Annette Deters
HAA000174	Chadwick Thomas Cantrell
HAA000175	Andrea Jae Buitrago
HADE035319	Savannah Speech & Hearing Center
HADE035320	Walmart Hearing Aid Center
HADE035321	The Hearing Aid Place
HADE035322	Walmart Hearing Aid Center

HADE035323	Affordable Hearing Aid Solutions
HADE035324	Walmart Hearing Aid Center
HADE035325	Walmart Hearing Aid Center
HADE035326	Walmart Hearing Aid Center
HADS001044	Rachel Isabella Freyre
HADS001045	Kathie E Sibrian
HADS001046	Meagan Suezanne Thompson
HADS001047	Karissa Renea Starrett
HADS001048	Alexandria Blaze Wallace
HADS001049	Autumn Rose Ackley
HAP000338	Alia Marlo McKenzie
HAP000339	Lisa Marie Hahn
HAP000340	Samuel W Castleberry
HAP000341	Tamara Lea Evans
HAP000342	Allison Paige Phillips
HAP000343	Cynthia Elaine Collins
HAP000344	Justin Clay Nations
HAP000345	Kelsey L Harvey

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

Ms. Ochs-Williams 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, Bray, Herndon and Williams.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, December 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:

- A.B.

Recommendations:

Tabled, Pending additional information

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:

- HA200002
- HA200004
- HA200008
- HA210003

Recommendation:

Pending; (Recused: Bray and Murphey)
Refer to Investigations
Pending Investigative Interview to be Re-Scheduled
Pending receipt of additional information

Ms. Ochs-Williams moved, Mr. Murphey 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.

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

Executive Session Minutes:

- September 15, 2020
- September 28, 2020

Recommendation:

Approve as presented
Approve as presented

Mr. Herndon moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the September 15th and 28th, 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 11:14 a.m. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Rule 276-10-.02

Following discussion of proposed amendments to the rule, with input from the Board’s legal counsel based on their review following the September 15, 2020 meeting, the Board agreed on a final version of the rule.

Mr. Jackson moved, Mr. Bray seconded, and the Board voted to approve the proposed rule amendments as presented and post for the required thirty days minimum for public view and comment, to be followed by a public rule hearing and adoption the next scheduled meeting. Four in favor, two opposed, the 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 **March 16, 2021**