

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS

Conf. Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes * March 16, 2021 * 8:30 AM

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, March 16, 2021. 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
Jason Murphy, Vice-Chair
Vaughn Bray, BC-HIS, CCCA
Dr. Donald N. Cote, M.D; ABO Board Certified
William L. (“Bill”) Herndon, Consumer Member

Absent:

Joseph Stock, BC-HIS
Kadyn Ochs-Williams, Audiologist

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General’s Office:

Max Changus, AAG

Mr. Jackson, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with additional items:

- House Bill 34 – SLPA Board Compact Bill - Board Discussion Only

Meeting Minutes:

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

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

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

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 12/16/2020 - 3/15/2021

license No	Licensee
HAA000176	Alia Marlo McKenzie
HAA000177	Allison Paige Phillips
HADE035327	Walmart Hearing Aid Center
HADE035328	Walmart Hearing Aid Center
HADE035329	Walmart Hearing Aid Center
HADE035330	Walmart Hearing Aid Center
HADE035331	Affordable Hearing Aid Solutions
HADE035332	Miracle-Ear
HADE035333	Miracle-Ear
HADE035334	Hearing Aid Systems LLC
HADE035335	The Home Hearing Company

HADE035336	Costco Wholesale #1389
HADE035337	Southern Hearing Centers
HADE035338	Southern Hearing Centers
HADE035339	Southern Hearing Centers
HADE035340	Southern Hearing Centers
HADE035341	Southern Hearing Centers
HADS001050	Jacqueline Angela Miller
HADS001051	Sara Emily Conaway
HADS001052	Monica Maria McDerment
HADS001053	Michelle J Christie
HADS001054	Martha Jane Willis
HAP000346	Jessica Stephens Mathews
HAP000347	Melissa Carol Crawford
HAP000348	Margaret Elizabeth Fisher
HAP000349	Tiana M Huggins
HAP000350	Dima Azzam Abu-Samrah Salaymeh

Mr. Vaughn moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the ratify list of licenses as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Misc. Discussion Items:

- House Bill 34 – General Board Discussion – No action needed, just for Board information.

Mr. Bray moved, Mr. Herndon 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 continue the review of 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, Bray, Cote, Herndon.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, March 16, 2021, 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:

Approved, Issue Reinstatement

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

Cognizant (Complaints) Report:

- HA200002
- HA200008
- HA210003
- HA200004
- HA210005

Recommendation:

Refer to Investigations; (Recused: Bray and Murphey)
 Pending Investigative Interview to be Re-Scheduled
 Tabled, Pending receipt of additional information
 Refer to local DA’s office
 Refer to Investigations for additional evidence

Mr. Herndon 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:

Max Changus, 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.

- HADS000820 – Ratify Public Consent Order – Docketed

Mr. Herndon moved, Mr. Bray seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the docketing of the Public Consent Order for HADS000820 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Herndon 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:

- December 15, 2020

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Mr. Murphy moved, Mr. Bray seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 15, 2020 Executive Session Conf. Call/Zoom Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:

- A. Battey

Recommendation:

Grant with terms and conditions

Mr. Bray moved, Mr. Herndon seconded, and the Board voted grant the petition for A. Battey with the terms and conditions presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Bray moved, Mr. Herndon seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 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 **June 15, 2021**