

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Board Meeting
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA 31217
January 25, 2012

Dr. McCullough declared the Board meeting in session.

Board Members Present

Robert McCullough, O.D.
Karen Canupp, O.D.
Whit Lord, O.D.
Jerry Prchal, O.D.
Jody Whisenant, O.D.
Ms. Betty Ann Lindsey

Staff Present

Wylencia Monroe, Assistant Attorney General
Anita Martin, Executive Director
Carol White, Board Support Specialist

RULE HEARING

Dr. McCullough called the rule hearing to order at 10:08 a.m. The hearing on Board Rule 430-2-.04 Continuing Education of Requirements; Approval of Educational Programs was held; the Board received no written or verbal comments on the proposed rule amendment. The hearing was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Approval of the minutes from the October 26, 2011 Board meeting. Dr. Lord made a motion to approve the Board minutes. Ms. Lindsey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously

Licenses to ratify. Dr. Lord made a motion to approve. Ms. Lindsey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Consideration to adopt Board Rule 430-2-.04 Continuing Educational Requirements; Approval of Educational Programs. Dr. Prchal made a motion to adopt. Dr. Whisenant seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Correspondence from Marie Boyd re: Georgia Law and Practitioner Dispensing by O.D.'s. The Board states that the restriction in the law does not prevent Optometrists from providing samples to patients.

Discussion on Board Certification and Advertising “Superiority” per Dr.

McCullough. Board discussion occurred on this issue but no decision was made on the topic at this time.

Request from Rick Allen, Director, Drugs and Narcotics Agency re: Prescription Drug Monitoring Program Advisory Council.

Dr. Whisenant will contact Charles Callaway, O.D. and query if he is interested in representing Optometry on this advisory committee. If Dr Callaway is not interested; he and Dr. Whisenant will discuss who might be interested.

Discussion of Renewals, OE Tracker, Audits and Board Sanctions.

Ms. Martin stated that the staff will work with ARBO’s OE Tracker to query the CE deficiencies; contact those individuals asking for them to download their CE’s to OE tracker no later than 5 working days of receipt the notice from the Board. Ms. Martin states that the staff can then conduct follow-up and will provide a list of deficient practitioners along with the sanction grid at the next board meeting.

Executive Director Report – Anita Martin

Ms. Martin stated that she is retiring on March 30, 2012.

Ms. Martin provided renewal numbers

1425 have renewed leaving only 94 who have not have renewed.

Ms. Martin discussed the inactive status issue with the board and the board viewed as informational.

Ms. Martin presented the board with a request from the Georgia Lions Lighthouse Foundation. The foundation requests that CE credit be allowed for O.D.’s providing volunteer care with its organization. The Board states that it appreciates and supports this program; however, Georgia law does not allow for the allocation of CE for volunteer work.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Whisenant made a motion, Dr. Prchal seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2), and 43-11-47(h) to deliberate on enforcement matters and to receive information on investigative reports and the Assistant Attorney General’s report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Drs. Canupp, Lord, and Ms. Lindsey. The Board concluded the Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and continue with the public session.

Cognizant /Investigative Report – Jody Whisenant, O.D.

OPT110047 - The Investigative Interview was conducted. The Board recommends a Private Standard Consent Order with 5 years probation.

OPT110024 – Close with no violation.

OPT110043 - Close with no violation.

OPT110046 - Close with no violation.

OPT120007 - Close with no violation.

Applications

1. K.G.M. – Renewal Applicant – The Board recommended approval.
2. C.M.E. – Endorsement Applicant – The Board recommended approval.
3. T.L.E. – Optometrist Applicant – The Board recommended approval.
4. J.C.W. – Endorsement Applicant. – The Board recommended approval.

Attorney General’s Report – Ms. Wylencia Monroe

- Provided a status report, which included information on cases referred for action, request for advice and /or requests for authority for proposed rules.

Miscellaneous –

The Board discussed and changed the April 2012 Board meeting to April, 18, 2012.

OPEN SESSION

Dr. McCullough declared the Board back into open session. Dr. Whisenant made a motion to approve the recommendations in Executive Session. Dr. Prahal seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Canupp made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Lindsey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The Board meeting adjourned at 12:26 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:	Carol White, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by:	Anita O. Martin, Executive Director