

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Conference Call Board Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
June 1, 2016 * 8:30 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Optometry met on Wednesday, June 1, 2016, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members participating:

Board Members Present:

Jody Whisenant, O.D. – President
Jerry Prchal, O.D. – Vice President
Larry Brown, O.D.
Robert McCullough, O.D.
Karen Canupp, O.D.

Board Members Absent:

Betty Ann Lindsey, Consumer Member

Staff Present

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Attorney General's Office

Wylencia Monroe, Esq., Asst. Attorney General

Dr. Whisenant established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 08:33 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented.

Petition for Variance:

Johnson, R. – Rules 430-2-.07, 430-2-.09 and 430-12-.01

Dr. McCullough moved, Dr. Whisenant seconded, and the Board voted to grant the Petition request of R. Johnson, subject to receipt of an Affidavit of Citizenship, and reinstatement of licensure. None opposed, motion carried.

Misc. Discussion:

Request has been received for Volunteer (“special”) licensure issuance pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-1-28. Board discussed the statute and allowance of the administrative staff to issue such “special” licensure to anyone who applies for and meets the criteria as outlined in the law. Mr. Zimmerman agreed to research the statute and to develop a process for approval and issuance of such licensure.

Dr. Brown moved, Dr. Canupp seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Board’s Executive Director to research and develop a process for issuance of a “special license” under O.C.G.A. § 43-1-8 Volunteers in health care specialties.

There being no further business for discussion, Dr. Brown, motioned, Dr. Prchal seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Minutes recorded, reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1

DR. JODY WHISENANT

Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director HC1

These minutes were approved on: **July 13, 2016**