

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**  
**Conference Call Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Professional Licensing Boards, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA**  
**February 22, 2017 \* 8:30 a.m.**

The Georgia State Board of Optometry met via conference call on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 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.  
Betty Ann Lindsey, Consumer Member

**Staff Present**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director  
Linsey Brookins, BSS, HC-1  
Tracy Allen, Examination and Licensing Analyst

**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

**Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Brown seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) and 43-1-2(k) to seek the advice of the Board's legal counsel. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Whisenant, McCullough, Prchal, Brown, Lindsey and Canupp.**

**Board Order:**

- A.A.

**Recommendation:**

Refer to AG's Office

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, February 22, 2017, Dr. Whisenant 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 taken in the closed session.**

**Ms. Betty Ann Lindsey motioned, Dr. Brown seconded, and the Board voted to refer A.A. to the AG's office. None Opposed, motion carried.**

**Petition for Variance:**

- Saliba, D. – Rule 420-2-.04 CE

**Dr. McCullough moved, Dr. Brown seconded, and the Board voted to deny D. Saliba's Petition request due to not demonstrating a substantial hardship. In addition, the Board voted to accept all 36 CE hours required from online sources (recognized/approved by the Board). None opposed, motion carried.**

There being no further business for discussion, Dr. Brown, motioned, Dr. Prchal seconded, and the Board meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Additionally, after adjournment of the meeting, Dr. Whisenant, Dr. Prchal, Dr. Brown and Dr. McCullough continued as an ad-hoc rules committee of the Board (9:07 a.m.)

**Rules Discussion:**

- HB821 (07-2016) - Military Family's & Licensure

Following discussion, the ad-hoc rules committee decided to adjourn the meeting. The committee members will report recommendations to the full Board at their next scheduled meeting date.

There being no further business for discussion, Dr. Brown, motioned, Dr. Prchal seconded, and the Rules Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:16 a.m.

**Minutes recorded by:**

Linsey Brookins, BSS, HC-1

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1

**DR. JODY WHISENANT**

Chair

**BRIG ZIMMERMAN**

Executive Director HC1

These minutes were approved on: **April 12, 2017**