

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Board Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2019 * 10:00 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Optometry met on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members participating:

Board Members Present:

Karen Canupp, O.D. – President (via teleconference)
Larry Brown, O.D. - Vice-President
Robert McCullough, O.D.
Jerry Prchal, O.D.
Betty Ann Lindsey, Consumer Member (via teleconference)

Attorney General's Office:

Melissa Tracy, Esq., Asst. Attorney General
(via teleconference)
(O.D. – Vacancy)

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Dr. Canupp, President, established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented

Dr. Jody Whisenant tendered to Director Zimmerman his formal resignation as a member of the Georgia State Board of Optometry effective 31 July 2019. The Board would like to thank Dr. Whisenant for all his hard work and dedication as a member of the Board, and for his many years of service to the license holders and the public at large.

Dr. McCullough 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 review Applications, review the executive session minutes, conduct an Investigative Interview and receive the Cognizant (Complaints) and Assistant Attorney General reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Canupp, Brown, McCullough, Lindsey and Prchal.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Dr. Canupp declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq for the purpose of allowing the visitor of the meeting, Mr. McGuire to address his concerns to the Board. No votes were taken in the closed session.

Applications:

None to present

Attorney General's Report:

Melissa Tracy, Assistant Attorney General provided a written status report which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and /or requests for authority for proposed rules.

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Canupp seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Assistant Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant Report:

- ❖ **Recommend for Closure:** OPT180005, OPT180007, OPT190015, OPT190019, OPT190021, OPT190023, OPT190024, OPT200001
- ❖ **Pending Receipt of Additional Information:** OPT190016
- ❖ **Refer to AG's office:** OPT190002

❖ **Investigative Interview Conducted:**

- OPT180007

Recommendation:

Close Case

Dr. McCullough moved, Dr. Canupp seconded, and the Board voted to refer OPT190002 to the AG's office for a Public Board order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. McCullough moved, Dr. Canupp seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations of the Cognizant report on complaints as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

- April 17, 2019

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Dr. McCullough moved, Ms. Lindsey seconded, and the Board voted to approve the April 17, 2019 Board Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Meeting Minutes:

- April 17, 2019

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Brown seconded, and the Board voted to approve the April 17, 2019 Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- R. Green – RE Volunteers of Optometry – *Refer to Board rule 430-2-.08 and O.C.G.A. 43-1-28*
- S. Pierce – RE GAPDMP Designee – *Board Information Only*
- N. Maxey – RE Pupillary Distance – *Only able to obtain of its part of your medical record*
- S. Mohamed – RE Telemedicine – *Seek your own legal counsel*
- GA PDMP Updated – *Board Information Only*

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Canupp seconded, and the Board voted to respond as directed to the correspondences above as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:

- B. Rabitsch

Recommendation:

Grant

Dr. Prchal motioned, Dr. Brown seconded and the Board voted to grant the petition request for B. Rabitsch as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Rules Discussion:

- Rule 430-5-.03 Treatment Plans – No Change
- Rule 430-4-.01 Governors Certificate of Supervision – Remanded back to Board
- Rule 430-11-.01 Governors Certificate of Supervision – Approved
- Rule 430-10-.04 Governors Certificate of Supervision – Approved
- Rule 430-13-.01 Definitions

Dr. Prchal and Brown (rules committee) will continue to review these and other rules and will present any recommendations back to the Board in future meetings.

Misc. Discussion Items:

- ARBO Report – L. Brown
- Inactive Licensure Status – Reinstatement – Dr. J. Prchal
- Volunteer work with NGO/Nonprofit – No Georgia Board Licensure – Dr. J. Prchal
- GA Comp. Med Board Rule 360-3-.07 – Dr. J. Prchal

- Injectables Educational Program Approval - Dr. McCullough

Application Ratify List: Licenses issued between: 4/18/2019 - 7/22/2019

License No.	Licensee
OPT003153	Lu Li
OPT003154	Macy Aryn Caldwell
OPT003155	Kara Elizabeth Clark
OPT003156	Jared William Staats
OPT003157	Emily Kathleen Champion
OPT003158	David Alexander Phaup
OPT003159	Dylan Michael Piette
OPT003160	Kwon Jung Choe
OPT003161	Taylor Kristen Ficek
OPT003162	Kajene Murugathanan
OPT003163	Belinda Desiree Warren
OPT003164	Dhara Mukesh Patel
OPT003165	Heather Lynn Purman
OPT003166	Alisha Rose Wheeler
OPT003167	Justine Bolduc
OPT003168	Sarah Anne Flanagan
OPT003169	Joelle Aerin Jean-Jacques
OPT003170	Fareem Jivraj
OPT003171	Sharnelle Naomi Kamibayashi
OPT003172	Shantelle Sadae Kamibayashi
OPT003173	Pavendeep Korotana
OPT003174	Karen Ottenheimer
OPT003175	Diem My Bui
OPT003176	Amber Clark
OPT003177	Abigail Morris Posey
OPT003178	Ashley Lorraine Swalla
OPT003179	Zachary Scott Williamson
OPT003180	Tyler William Ellsworth
OPT003181	Sterlin Lanice Blakley
OPT003182	Samantha Carrie Elliott
OPT003183	Benjamin Edward Massey
OPT003184	Laura Maurine Mosley
OPT003185	Yelena Sirota
OPT003186	Michelle Marie Cadet-Honoré

Dr. Canupp moved, Dr. Brown seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application ratify list as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business for discussion, Dr. McCullough moved, Dr. Brown seconded, and the Board meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director,

DR. KAREN CANUPP

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

President

Executive Director HC1

These minutes were reviewed and approved on: **November 13, 2019**