

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Board Meeting Minutes of April 30, 2020 * 8:30 a.m.
Conference Call

The Georgia State Board of Optometry met via teleconference on Thursday, April 30, 2020, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members participating:

Board Members Present:

Karen Canupp, O.D. – President
Robert McCullough, O.D.
Jerry Prchal, O.D.
Jeffrey Hackleman, O.D.

Board Members Absent:

Larry Brown, O.D. - Vice-President
Betty Ann Lindsey, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General's Office

Melissa Tracy, Esq., Asst. Attorney General

Dr. Canupp, President, established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:54 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented

Rule 430-2-0.1-.04 Emergency Rule – Continuing Education Requirements; Approval of Educational Programs

(f) Due to the COVID-19 State of Emergency, notwithstanding any other rule or provision of law, the requirement that a maximum of ten (10) hours of continuing education credit may be taken by correspondence or electronic medium is hereby modified as follows:

1. A maximum of eighteen (18) hours of continuing education credit will be allowed for the upcoming renewal cycle ONLY (expiration date of December 31, 2021) for any coursework that is offered by correspondence or electronic medium, which coursework is approved or sponsored by any provider identified in paragraph (1) of this rule; and,
2. This rule shall be effective for the duration of the emergency and for a period of not more than 120 days thereafter. Continuing education hours obtained after the termination of this emergency rule shall be subject to the rule as currently written.

The rule amendments were made to section 430-2-.01(5)(f) shown above only. The rule otherwise remains the same.

Dr. Prchal motioned, Dr. McCullough seconded and the Board voted to adopt the above emergency rule 430-2-0.1-.04 and to send to Governor's office as presented. None opposed; motion carried.

There being no further business for discussion, the Board meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director,

DR. KAREN CANUPP

President

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director HCI

These minutes were reviewed and approved on: **August 19, 2020**