

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Board Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2020 * 10:00 a.m.
Conference Call/ZOOM

The Georgia State Board of Optometry met via teleconference/ZOOM on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members participating. The Board's Executive Director hosted the meeting from the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Board Members Present:

Karen Canupp, O.D. – President
Larry Brown, O.D. - Vice-President
Robert McCullough, O.D.
Jerry Prchal, O.D.
Jeffrey Hackleman, O.D.

Board Members Absent:

Betty Ann Lindsey, Consumer Member

Attorney General's Office

Melissa Tracy, Esq., Asst. Attorney General

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Visitors Present:

Bryan Markowitz, Visitor
M. French, Visitor

Dr. Canupp, President, established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented

Optometry 2021 Board Meeting Dates

(Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m. via ZOOM)

- Wednesday, February 17, 2021
- Wednesday, May 12, 2021
- Wednesday, August 18, 2021
- Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Meeting Minutes:

- August 19, 2020 Conf. Call
- October 15, 2020 Rules Conf. Call
- October 23, 2020 Conf. Call

Recommendation:

Approve as amended
Approve as presented
Approve as amended

Dr. Brown moved, Dr. Hackleman seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 19, 2020 Conference Call Board meeting minutes as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Brown moved, Dr. Hackleman seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 15, 2020 Rules Committee Conference Call Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Brown moved, Dr. Hackleman seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 23, 2020 Conference Call Board meeting minutes as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

Discussion: Proposed Board Rule Amendments:

- **430-5-.01 Treatment Plans, Eye Examinations and Patient Records**

To comply with statutory changes in the professions practice act and carry out the intent of the legislature as they understand it, the Board is proposing amendments to many sections of their current rule. Although not specifically stated in the code, the Board believes that the legislature would desire that the components of an eye exam should be of the same extent and quality whether they are performed by an optometrist physically in the same room as the patient or by an optometrist interacting with the patient via electronic means. The Board further believes that this modification of the current rules will allow the board to regulate the examination of patients via telemedicine in a way that will be fair and equal to all types of providers and protect the health of all Georgians.

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Brown seconded, and the Board voted to approve the amendments proposed as presented, and to forward the proposed amended rule to the Attorney General’s office for review and a memo of Statutory Authority. Upon receipt of said authority, the Board voted to post the rule for public view for the thirty days minimum before conducting a public rule hearing. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- E. McLaughlin, Ohio State Univ.
- AOA Policy – Telehealth
- ARBO – Federal Contact Lens Rule Changes
- NBEO Task Force Final Report

Recommendation:

- A.C.O.E. accredited programs are acceptable
For Board Information Only
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Dr. Hackleman moved, Dr. Canupp seconded, and the Board voted to respond as directed to the correspondences above as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Licenses issued between: 8/19/2020 - 11/17/2020

license No	Licensee
OPT003274	Anacristina Petrovich
OPT003275	Jenna Lee Reid
OPT003276	Christina Tran Phan
OPT003277	Gabriel A Russell
OPT003278	Jacob Reed Bowen
OPT003279	Courtney Gloria Cape
OPT003280	Jamie Danelle Dunn
OPT003281	Laila Tawfik
OPT003282	Yao Lu
OPT003283	Annette Thomas Elakatt
OPT003284	Kevin Paul O'Connor
OPT003285	Bonnie Marie Wessler
OPT003286	Sejal Pravin Patel
OPT003287	Jeffrey L Taranto
OPT003288	Apeksha Nagar
OPT003289	Shenita D Freeney
OPT003290	Todd Freeman Smith
OPT003291	Justin Ray Sasser
OPT003292	Cari Lynn Moore
OPT003293	Grace Yun-Yee Lam
OPT003294	Kelly Anne Fisher
OPT003295	Palakpreet Kaur
OPT003296	Jeffrey Ray Kuck
OPT003297	Dushika Ravendrarajah

OPT003298	Kelsea Remel Brown
OPT003299	Vishal Mahesh Patel

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

Misc. Discussion Items:

- Online CE Hours – *Table discussion until next meeting (February 17, 2021)*

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

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. No votes were taken in the closed session.

Applications:

- A.C.C.
- A.W.C.

Recommendation:

Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
Refer to Investigations

Dr. Hackleman moved, Dr. Brown seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation on the application above as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant Report:

❖ **Recommend Closure:** OPT1700014, OPT190012, OPT190020, OPT190022, OPT190025, OPT200002, OPT200006, OPT200017, OPT210002, OPT210003

❖ **Recommend Peer Review:** OPT190016

❖ **Recommend Pending Receipt of Additional Information:** OPT200008, OPT210001, OPT210004, OPT210005, OPT210006

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

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. Brown moved, Dr. Hackleman seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Assistant Attorney General’s report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

- August 19, 2020 C.C.
- October 15, 2020 Rule Cmttee
- October 23, 2020 C.C.

Recommendation:

Accept as amended
Accept as presented
Accept as amended

Dr. Hackleman moved, Dr. Brown seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 19, 2020 Board Conference Call Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Hackleman moved, Dr. Brown seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 23, 2020 Conference Call Board Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business for discussion, Dr. McCullough moved, Dr. Prchal seconded, and the Board meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.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 HC1

Minutes reviewed and approved **February 17, 2021**