

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Board Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2021 * 8:30 a.m.
Conference Call/ZOOM

The Georgia State Board of Optometry met via teleconference/ZOOM on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 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
Amanda Allen, Licensing Supervisor
Sarah Collet, Licensing Analyst

Dr. Canupp, President, established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented

Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:

- Matthew Duncan – Emergency Rule 430-2-0.1-.04

Recommendation:

Grant

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Brown seconded, and the Board voted grant the petition and allow licensee to obtain all required reinstatement CE's online as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Misc. Discussion Items:

- Online CE hours – *Tabled for further discussion during February 17, 2021 Board meeting*

Dr. Canupp 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 and discuss the Cognizant (Complaints) report and applications. 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.

Cognizant Report:

- ❖ **Recommend Investigative Interview: OPT200008**
- ❖ **Recommend Peer Review: OPT190016, OPT210004**

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

Misc. Discussions Items:

Optometrist Certified in Injectables – Administration of COVID-19 Vaccine

- Board Rule 430-14-.01 Certification Requirements

Board tabled any further discussion and wait and see what the GOA may be recommending in this area.

Applications: – *Tabled; No further discussion necessary*

There being no further business for discussion, Dr. McCullough moved, Dr. Prchal seconded, and the Board meeting adjourned at 9:12 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 HC1

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