

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Board Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2021 * 10:00 a.m.
Conference Call/ZOOM

The Georgia State Board of Optometry met via teleconference/ZOOM on Wednesday, May 12, 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
Robert McCullough, O.D.
Jerry Prchal, O.D.
Jeffrey Hackleman, O.D.
Paul Ajamian, 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. Karen Canupp, President, established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Oath of Office – New Board Members:

- Dr. Paul Ajamian – Appointed to fill the vacated seat of Dr. Larry Brown

The Board would like to welcome new Board member appointment Dr. Paul Ajamian who was appointed to replace Dr. Larry Brown who resigned his seat recently on the Board. Dr. Ajamian was administered the Oath of Office at the start of today's Board meeting.

The Board would like to express its gratitude to Dr. Brown for his years of service on this Board and dedication to the licensees and public.

Agenda: Approved with no additional items

Meeting Minutes:

- February 17, 2021 Conf. Call
- February 23, 2021 Conf. Call
- March 24, 2021 Conf. Call

Recommendation:

Approve as amended
Approve as presented
Approve as presented

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Hackleman seconded, and the Board voted to approve the February 17, 2021 Conference Call Board meeting minutes as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Hackleman seconded, and the Board voted to approve the February 23, 2021, 2021 Conference Call Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Hackleman seconded, and the Board voted to approve the March 24, 2021 Conference Call Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Association of Schools and Colleges (ASCO) RE: Cultural Competence CE's – *Board Information Only*

- B. Rabitsch – RE CEP Exam/CE – *Please provide additional information to the Board to determine Board approval of CE hours*

Application Ratify List: Licenses issued between: 2/17/2021 - 5/11/2021

license No	Licensee
OPT003310	Jennifer Mai
OPT003311	Laila Osmani-Nejat
OPT003312	Elora Jabeen Robbani
OPT003313	Joseph Hyrum Johnson
OPT003314	Jimmy Le Nguyen
OPT003315	Brenda E Rosado-Gonzalez

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

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. McCullough 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, McCullough, Prchal, Hackleman and Ajamian.

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.

Recommendation:

Schedule for Applicant Interview

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

Cognizant Report:

- ❖ **Recommend Closure:** OPT210010, OPT210011, OPT210017
- ❖ **Recommend Investigative Interview:** OPT190002 and OPT210012
- ❖ **Recommend Referral to AG’s Office:** OPT210008, OPT210013 **J. Prchal Recused on both cases*
- ❖ **Recommend Pending Receipt of Additional Information:** OPT190016, OPT210005, OPT210014, OPT210015

Dr. Hackleman moved, Dr. Ajamian seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations to refer OPT210008 to the AG’s office for a Private Board Order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Hackleman moved, Dr. Ajamian seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations to refer OPT210013 to the AG’s office for a Private Board Order as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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

Executive Session Minutes:

- February 17, 2021 Conf. Call
- March 24, 2021 Conf. Call

Recommendation:

Accept as presented
Accept as presented

Dr. McCullough moved, Dr. Hackleman seconded, and the Board voted to approve the February 17, 2021 Board Conference Call Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. McCullough moved, Dr. Hackleman seconded, and the Board voted to approve the March 24, 2021 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 12:52 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 **August 18, 2021**