

GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2022 1:00 P.M.

The Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians met via teleconference/ZOOM on Wednesday, January 26, 2022. The Board's Executive Director hosted the meeting from the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. This is a rescheduled meeting date for the January 12, 2022 scheduled meeting without a quorum.

Board Members Present:

Gloria Ethridge, Chair
Amy Stowers, Vice-Chair
Dave Meldrum
Glenn Morris
Angelic Moore, Consumer Member

Board Members Absent:

Mary Ramsey

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC-1
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist
Sarah Collett, Licensing Analyst
Amanda Allen, Licensing Supervisor

Attorney General's Office Representative:

Melissa Tracy, AAG

Visitors Present:

James Whittington, OAG
Byoung, Visitor

Ms. Ethridge, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Agenda: Approved with no additional items

Meeting Minutes:

- October 13, 2021 Conf. Call/ZOOM
- November 3, 2021 Conf. Call/ZOOM
- January 12, 2022 Conf. Call/ZOOM

Recommendations:

Accept as Presented
Accept as Presented
Accept as Presented

Mr. Morris moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to approve the meeting minutes from the October 13, 2021 C.C. Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to approve the meeting minutes from the November 3, 2021 C.C. Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to approve the meeting minutes from the January 12, 2022 C.C. Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:

- L. Hatcher – Rule 420-9-.02

Recommendation:

Grant

Mr. Meldrum motioned, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition request for L. Hatcher as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

CE Provider Requests:

- The Learning Curve 2022

Recommendation:

Grant with exceptions

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to approve the CE provider request for The Learning Curve 2022, with the exceptions of program dates conducted prior to March 6, 2022 due to the submission of the application for Board approval not received 90 days prior to the program dates pursuant to Board rule 420-9-.03. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 11/3/2021 - 1/11/2022

License No.	Licensee
LDO002886	Aviva Vered Hilburg
LDO002887	John Dennis Joiner
LDO002888	Jo Anna Poole
LDO002889	Amanda LeAnn Kiernan
LDO002890	Shanda Nicole Hegwood
LDO002891	Micailah Maxine Griffith
LDO002892	Erin Kathleen Sullivan
LDO002893	Isaac Markos Morris
LDO002894	Ashley Aurielle Bell
LDO002895	Christine Anne Jones
LDOA002207	Denoviah Lovely McGlotha
LDOA002208	Addison Sage Washburn
LDOA002209	Brianna Savannah Ewen
LDOA002210	Rebecca Mendoza
LDOA002211	Juanita Shuntanell Pierce
LDOA002212	Amber Hope Autry
LDOA002213	Talaya N Collin
LDOA002214	Minh Chuong
LDOA002215	Esteban Guillermo Diaz
LDOA002216	Alyssa Maeling Dimaya Robinson
LDOA002217	Lexus Charmet Blackmon
LDOA002218	Seluwa Moma Borders
LDOA002219	Jessica Verenise Lopez
LDOA002220	Savannah Elise Allen
LDOA002221	Brittany Alise Nally
LDOA002222	Chista Lynn Hawkins-Hinkley
LDOA002223	Muna Zhou
LDOA002224	Kiara Brenes Melendez
LDOA002225	Alexandria Loren Allen
LDOA002226	Ladamia Carrie Williams
LDOA002227	Pier Latriece Cooper
LDOA002228	Diana Beatrice Melara
LDOA002229	Sarah Jo Raffauf
LDOA002230	Ashley Nicole King
LDOA002231	Samantha Jessica Kay Roden
LDOA002232	Sarah Marie Jensen
LDOA002233	Brittani Cheyenne Johnson

LDOA002234	Heather Lee Stokes
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Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to approve the ratify listing of licenses issued between meetings administratively. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Rules Discussion:

- 420-2-.01 Registration and Reinstatement – *Tabled for further discussion/review*
- 420-2-.02 Certificate Lost, Destroyed or Name Change – *Refer to AG for MOA*
- 420-5-.01 Application and Examination Requirements - *Tabled for further discussion/review*
- 420-8-.01 Practical Training and Experience - *Tabled for further discussion/review*
- 420-9-.01 Continuing Education - *Tabled for further discussion/review*
- 420-9-.02 Continuing Education Hours for new Licensees - *Tabled for further discussion/review*
- 420-9-.03 Continuing Education Program Approval - *Tabled for further discussion/review*

Mr. Morris moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded and the Board voted to refer Board Rule 420-2-.02 Certificate Lost, Destroyed or Name Change to the AG’s for a Memo of Statutory Authority and to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days for public view with a public rules hearing to be scheduled for the next available date following the thirty day public posting. None opposed, motion carried

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Ethridge seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), 43-1-2(k) (3) (4), 43-1-2(k) (4) and 50-14-4(b) to review applications, the AG report, complaints and prior meeting executive session minutes. Voting in favor of the motion were those Board members present Ethridge, Morris, Meldrum, Moore and Stowers.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, Ms. Ethridge declared the meeting back into “open” session pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were obtained during Executive Session.

Applications:

- J.W.
- R.B.

Recommendation:

- Approve
- Approve

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation on the applications above as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant/Enforcement Complaint Report:

- **Recommend Referral to Investigations:** DISP2200001, DISP220005

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant Enforcement report as presented. None opposed, motion

Attorney General’s Report:

Ms. Tracy, AAG, provided a status and activity report to the Board for review and discussion.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General’s report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

2019-2021 Renewal Hold Report:

- J.H.
- D.M.

Recommendation:

- Tabled, Pending receipt of additional information
- Refer to Investigations to locate licensee

Mr. Morris moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations of the above 2019-2021 Renewal Holds as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

- November 3, 2021 Conf. Call
- January 12, 2022 Conf. Call

Recommendation:

Accept as presented
Accept as presented

Mr. Morris moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes from the November 3, 2021 Conference Call Board meeting as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Executive Session minutes from the January 12, 2022 Conference Call Board meeting as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

2022 Board Officer Elections – *Tabled decision until the April 13, 2022 Board meeting*

Ms. Ethridge moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Minute recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

GLORIA ETHRIDGE

Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director, HC1

Meeting minutes were approved **April 13, 2022**