

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Board Meeting Minutes of November 17, 2021 * 10:00 a.m.
Conference Call/ZOOM

The Georgia State Board of Optometry met via teleconference/ZOOM on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. 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:

(Vacant) Consumer Member

Attorney General's Office

Raegan Dean, AAG
 Melissa Tracy, AAG

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
 Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist
 Sarah Collet, Licensing Analyst

Visitors Present:

Zeke Van Keulen, Visitor

Dr. Karen Canupp, President, established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with no additional items

Meeting Minutes:

- August 18, 2021 C.C./ZOOM Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Dr. Ajamian moved, Dr. Prchal seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 18, 2021 Conference Call Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Cope Approval Letter - GA - Dr. J. Baldwin – *Board Information Only*
- Cope Announcement – Transition Period for Interactive Online CE – *Board Information Only*
- Z. Van Keuren –Ocular TeleHealth Services – *Board Discussed with author (Visitor) Present*

Application Ratify List: Licenses issued between: 8/18/2021 - 11/16/2021

License No	Licensee
OPT003367	Leah Patterson Kirkemier
OPT003368	Bradley Hamilton Powers
OPT003369	Cynthia Noorani
OPT003370	Paul Michael Salvatore
OPT003371	Tyrone John Favis
OPT003372	Benjamin Crider
OPT003373	Megan Vander Veen Mosley
OPT003374	Urvi Anand Joshi
OPT003375	Catherina Min
OPT003376	Jacob Daniel DeWeese

OPT003377	Jeffrey Charles Natchez
OPT003378	Markham Douglas Dailey
OPT003379	Chelsea Jo Ryzuk
OPT003380	Hayden Caitlin Matli
OPT003381	Alden Crawford Negaard
OPT003382	Anbinh Ho
OPT003383	Kristen Jill Burkholder

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

Misc. Discussion Items:

- Malpractice Insurance – Dr. McCullough

After a brief discussion, the matter was tabled; licensees must hold malpractice insurance pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-30-1.

Dr. Hackleman moved, Dr. Ajamian 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.

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. Ajamian 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:

- July 21, 2021 Inv. Int. Conf. Call
- August 18, 2021 C.C./ZOOM Board Meeting

Recommendation:

- Accept as presented
- Accept as presented

Dr. Ajamian moved, Dr. Prchal seconded, and the Board voted to approve the July 21, 2021 Conference Call Board Executive Session Committee meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Ajamian moved, Dr. Prchal seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 18, 2021 Board Conference Call Executive Session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Exec. Misc. Discussion Items:

- 2017-2019 PDMP Registration Renewal Holds

Recommendation:

Send by certified mail one final letter for
A final attempt to contact remaining licensee’s

Cognizant Report:

- ❖ **Recommend Closure:** OPT210008, OPT 210013, OPT210014, OPT220004, OPT220008, OPT220009 and OPT220013
- ❖ **Recommend Peer Review:** OPT210012
- ❖ **Recommend Investigative Interview:** OPT220003
- ❖ **Pending Receipt of Additional Information:** OPT210015, OPT220007, OPT220010, OPT220011 and OPT220012

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

Applications:

- A.N.
- A.P.
- A.A.

Recommendation:

Approve for licensure
Tabled, Pending receipt of additional information
Deny Application for Reinstatement

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Ajamian seconded, and the Board voted to deny the application for reinstatement for A.A. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Hackleman moved, Dr. Ajamian seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendation on AN and AP applications above as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Rule Discussion:

- Rule 430-3-.01 Code of Ethics
- Rule 430-5-.01 Treatment Plans, Eye Exams and Patient Records
- Rule 430-2-.08 Volunteers in Optometry – Governor’s Oversight Action Docket # 21-08-003

Dr. McCullough moved, Dr. Hackleman seconded, and the Board voted to approve proposed rule amendments to 430-3-.01 and 430-5-.01 and to refer to the AG’s office for a Memo of Authority, posting the rule for a public rule hearing upon receipt of memo. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Hackleman moved, Dr. Ajamian seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Governor’s modification to Board rule 430-2-.08 Volunteers in Optometry in order to align the rule with the Health Care Specialist Act as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

2022 Optometry Board Meeting Dates

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

- Wednesday, February 16, 2022
- Wednesday, May 18, 2022
- Wednesday, August 17, 2022
- Wednesday, November 9, 2022

Prior to the adjournment of today’s Board meeting, Dr. Jerry Prchal announced that he will be resigning from the Board as of today’s meeting. The Board would like to acknowledge and express appreciation for Dr. Prchal’s time and service while serving on the Georgia Board of Optometry.

There being no further business for discussion, Dr. McCullough moved, Dr. Prchal seconded, and the Board meeting adjourned at 3:48 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 HCl

Minutes reviewed and approved **February 16, 2022**