

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS

Conf. Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes * March 15, 2022 * 8:30 AM

Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive * Macon, Georgia 31217

The Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers met via teleconference/ZOOM on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. The Board’s Executive Director hosted the meeting from the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Board Members Present:

Ralph T. Jackson, Jr., Chair
Jason Murphy, Vice-Chair
Vaughn Bray, BC-HIS, CCCA
Dr. Donald N. Cote, M.D; ABO Board Certified
William L. (“Bill”) Herndon, Consumer Member
Kadyn Ochs-Williams, Audiologist

Attorney General’s Office:

Melissa Tracy, AAG

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist
Amanda Allen, Licensing Supervisor
Kathy Jones, Licensing Analyst

Mr. Jackson, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:29 a.m.

Agenda: Approved as presented

Meeting Minutes:

- December 14 2021 C.C./ZOOM Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Ms. Ochs-Williams moved, Mr. Herndon seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 14, 2021 C.C./Zoom Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 12/14/2021 - 3/15/2022

license No	Licensee
HAA000195	Destiny Nicole Johnson
HAA000196	Charles Gary Miller
HAA000197	Kristen Ashley Keown
HAA000198	Dima Azzam Abu-Samrah Salaymeh
HAA000199	Mackenzie Lynn Dinatale
HAA000200	Nicholas John Olsen
HADE035372	Augusta Hearing and Balance
HADE035373	Beltone Hearing Aid Center
HADE035374	Northeast Georgia Hearing Aid Center
HADE035375	Beltone Hearing Aid Center
HADE035376	Miracle-Ear
HADE035377	Miracle-Ear
HADE035378	Miracle-Ear

HADE035379	Miracle-Ear
HADE035380	Miracle-Ear
HADE035381	Miracle-Ear
HADE035382	Miracle-Ear
HADE035383	Miracle-Ear
HADE035384	Direct Hearing Solutions
HADE035385	Commerce Hearing Aid Outlet
HADS001067	Amadou Sheikh Ousman John
HADS001068	Annie Elizabeth Etheredge
HAP000374	Brianna Virginia Wischard
HAP000375	Deborah Lynn Sterling
HAP000376	Christine Carson Bowman
HAP000377	Richard Andrew Stumpf
HAP000378	Christie Michele Davis
HAP000379	Giselle Thais Arellano

Ms. Ochs-Williams moved, Mr. Murphy seconded, and the Board voted to approve the ratify list of licenses as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- E. Niehoff – Amplifon Americas – RE CE hours – *The Board is currently working on amendments to Board rule 276-10-.02 and recommends joining the Interested Parties List on the Boards website for receive additional rule updates.*
- OTC Hearing Devices – GGA AF C. Carr – Board Information Only

Board Rules Discussion:

- 276-10-.02 Continuing Education – *Tabled for further discussion*
- 276-14-.03 Reinstatement – *Tabled, no changes required at this time.*

Following discussion, the Board decided to schedule an additional rules committee meeting for further review of Board Rule 276-10-.02 Continuing Education for Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 8:00 A.M.

Mr. Herndon moved, Mr. Murphy seconded and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), for the purpose of reviewing of applications, the previous meetings Executive session minutes, receive the Assistant Attorney General and Cognizant (Complaints) Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Jackson, Ochs-Williams, Murphy, Bray, Cote, and Herndon.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, March 15, 2022, Mr. Jackson 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 obtained during Executive Session

Applications:

- M.M.
- N.P.
- S.M.

Recommendation:

- Approve-Pending receipt of additional information
- Approve for reinstatement
- Approve for reinstatement

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

Cognizant (Complaints) Report:

- HA200004
- HA210004
- HA220001
- HA220011/HA220012
- HA220015
- HA220019
- HA220020
- HA220021

Recommendation:

Refer out as discussed
Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
Pending Investigations Report

Mr. Herndon moved, Ms. Ochs-Williams seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations of HA200004 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Bray moved, Ms. Ochs-Williams seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations of the Cognizant’s report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Assistant Attorney General Report:

Melissa Tracy, Assistant Attorney General, provided a status report, which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and /or requests for authority for proposed rules.

Mr. Bray moved, Mr. Herndon seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General’s Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Cote moved, Ms. Ochs-Williams seconded, and the Board voted to request official AG advice regarding the status of Audiograms as a medical record when a patient requests a copy. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

- December 14, 2021 Conf. Call/Zoom Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Dr. Cote moved, Ms. Ochs-Williams seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 14, 2021 Executive Session Conf. Call/Zoom Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Herndon motioned, Mr. Bray seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 a.m. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC-1

RALPH JACKSON

Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director, HC-1

Minutes approved: **June 14, 2022**