

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Board Meeting Minutes of February 16, 2022 * 10:00 a.m.
Conference Call/ZOOM

The Georgia State Board of Optometry met via teleconference/ZOOM on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 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:

Robert "Bob" McCullough, O.D., President
Paul Ajamian, O.D., Vice-President
Karen Canupp, O.D.
Jeffrey Hackleman, O.D.
Jeanne Perrine, O.D.

Board Members Absent:

(Vacant) Consumer Member

Attorney General's Office

Melissa Tracy, AAG

Administrative Staff Present:

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

Visitors Present:

Jerry Prchal, O.D.
BT Parker, Visitor

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

Agenda: Approved with additional late items.

- Correspondence – Selling Pharmaceuticals – R. McCullough, O.D.
- CE Audit – GA laws and Rules – K. Canupp (Executive Session)
- New Board Member – Ms. Jeanne Perrine

The Board would like to welcome new Board member appointment Ms. Jeanne Perrine who will be replacing Mr. Gerald Prchal, who resigned. Ms. Perrine was administered the Oath of Office at the Governor's office on January 25, 2022 prior to today's Board meeting.

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

Meeting Minutes:

- November 11, 2021 C.C./ZOOM Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Dr. Ajamian moved, Dr. Canupp seconded, and the Board voted to approve the November 11, 2021 Conference Call Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- Revised COPE Categories – *Board Information Only*
- M. Leary - CE and a Remote Speaker – *At this time, the Board only considers 10 online CE hours, for the renewal of licenses, pursuant to Board rules. The online hours accepted includes "Live/Interactive" Webinars.*

- Limitations and Responsibilities of former Board Members – J. Prchal – *The Board discussed briefly the Code of Ethics and secure platforms utilized by current Board members for conducting Board meeting business.*
- *OD Selling Pharmaceuticals – R. McCullough – Refer to legal definition of “dispense”.*

Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:

- C. McEneaney - Rule 430-2-.04

Recommendation:

Grant

Dr. Canupp motioned, Dr. Ajamian seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition for C. McEneaney as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Licenses issued between: 11/17/2021 - 2/14/2022

License No.	Licensee
OPT003384	Elana Thu Trinh Vo
OPT003385	Cassidy Lee Coleman
OPT003386	Roshni Naik
OPT003387	Sara Renee Williams
OPT003388	Alicea Shontaa Hill
OPT003389	Erica Louise Bailey
OPT003390	Sahar Zelkha
OPT003391	Sarah Jane Persaud
OPT003392	Kirti Piushbhai Patel

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

Dr. Canupp moved, Dr. Hackleman 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, Ajamian and Perrine.

At the conclusion of Executive Session, Dr. McCullough 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.A.

Recommendation:

Application Denied – May Request a Full Board Appearance

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

Cognizant Report:

- ❖ **Recommend Closure:** OPT220003, OPT220004, OPT220014, OPT220015
- ❖ **Pending Peer Review:** OPT210012/220011 (companion cases)
- ❖ **Referral to AG’s Office:** OPT210015
- ❖ **Pending Receipt of Additional Information:** OPT220007 (Dr. J. Hackleman is Recused), OPT220010/220012 (companion cases), OPT220016

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

Executive Session Misc. Discussion Items:

- CE Audit (OPT002962)

Recommendation:

Tabled, Request current state residency from licensee to determine of 1 hour of GA Laws and Rules is needed to complete renewal.

Executive Session Minutes:

- November 17, 2021 C.C./ZOOM Board Meeting
- December 7, 2021 Inv. Int. Conf. Call

Recommendation:

Accept as amended
Accept as presented

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

Dr. Hackleman moved, Dr. Canupp seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 7, 2021 Conference Call Executive Session Committee meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Exec. Misc. Discussion Items:

- 2017-2019 PDMP Registration Renewal Holds

Recommendation:

Pending discussion with IT and AG on how to proceed with the license renewals due to database/system configuration.

There being no further business for discussion, Dr. Hackleman moved, Dr. Ajamian seconded, and the Board meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

DR. ROBERT MCCULLOUGH

President

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director HC1

Minutes reviewed and approved **May 18, 2022**