

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Board Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2022 * 10:00 a.m.
Conference Call/ZOOM

The Georgia State Board of Optometry met via teleconference/ZOOM on Wednesday, November 9, 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.
B. Thassanee Gutter-Parker – Consumer Member

Attorney General's Office

Betsy Coen, AAG

Administrative Staff Present:

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

Guests:

Daniel Fahey
Hoe Neville

Dr. Bob McCullough, President, established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with additional late items:

- 2023 Officer Elections

Meeting Minutes:

- August 17, 2022 C.C. Board Meeting
- September 14, 2022 C.C. Rules Cmte Meeting
- September 22, 2022 C.C. Board/Rules Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented
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Dr. Canupp moved, Dr. Ajamian seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 17, 2022 Conference Call Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Canupp moved, Dr. Ajamian seconded, and the Board voted to approve the September 14, 2022 Conference Call Rules Committee meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Canupp moved, Dr. Ajamian seconded, and the Board voted to approve the September 22, 2022 Conference Call Board/Rules meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Rules Discussion:

- 430-2-.01 Applications
- 430-5-.01 Treatment Plans, Eye Examinations, and Patient Records – *Tabled for further Board review*

Dr. Canupp moved, Dr. Ajamian seconded, and the Board voted to approve proposed rule amendments to 430-2-.01 Applications and to refer to the AG's office for review and statutory authority, posting the rule upon receipt for the minimum thirty days for public view with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for the next available date following the public posting. None opposed, motion carried

Correspondence:

- Telemedicine FAQ – P. Ajamian – *Tabled for discussion in executive session*
- PDMP Advisory Committee Update – J. Perrine – *Board Information Only*

Application Ratify List: Licenses issued between: 9/22/2022 - 11/8/2022

License No.	Licensee
OPT003475	Amy Claire Pope
OPT003476	Cassandra Jordan Croy
OPT003477	Marc Mitchell Berson
OPT003478	David S Eghigian
OPT003479	Ryan Craig Scharadin
OPT003480	Michael David Katz
Total:	6

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

Dr. Hackleman moved, Dr. Perrine seconded, and the Board voted to enter 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, Hackleman, Ajamian, Perrine and Gutter-Parker.

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: *None presented*

Cognizant Report:

- ❖ **Recommend Closure:** OPT220020 (*P. Ajamian recused*), OPT220022, OPT230003
- ❖ **Pending Investigative Report:** OPT220018
- ❖ **Referral to AG’s Office/Pending AG review:** OPT210012/220011, OPT220010/220012 (*P. Ajamian recused*),
- ❖ **Pending Receipt of Additional Information:** OPT230001 and OPT230005

Dr. Perrine 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:

Betsy Cohen, 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 Minutes:

- August 17, 2022, C.C./ZOOM Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Accept as amended

Dr. Canupp moved, Dr. Perrine seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 17, 2022 Board Conference Call Executive Session meeting minutes as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session. Misc. Discussion Items:

- Telemedicine FAQ – *Currently in AG's office for review and advice*

2023 Board Officer Elections – *Tabled for next Board meeting*

Announcements: Dr. Karen Canupp announced at the end of today's Board meeting, that she will be resigning from the Board effective December 30, 2022. The Board would like to acknowledge and appreciate all of Dr. Canupp's outstanding support of serving on the Board for over 13 years.

There being no further business for discussion, the Board meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

DR. ROBERT MCCULLOUGH

President

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Executive Director HC1

Minutes reviewed and approved **February 15, 2023**