

GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2023 8:30 A.M.

The Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians met via teleconference/ZOOM on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. The Board's Executive Director hosted the meeting from the Professional Licensing Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

Board Members Present:

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

Attorney General's Office Representative:

Alexis Cromartie, AAG

Administrative Staff Present:

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

Visitors Present:

Brian Diener, OTI
Josh, OTI

Ms. Ethridge, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with no additional items

Ms. Ethridge moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to enter 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 and discuss Optical Development Program concerns with the Board's legal counsel. Voting in favor of the motion were those Board members present Ethridge, Stowers, Morris, Meldrum and Moore.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 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 the Executive Session.

Ms. Mary Ramsey, consumer member of the Board submitted her resignation letter to the Executive Director via E-Mail on January 9, 2023. The Board wishes Ms. Ramsey much success in her future endeavors. Ms. Ramsey served on the Board

Optical Training Institute: Optician Development Program Overview Presentation: Dr. Brian Diener provided additional information regarding the program overview and answered Board member questions for the Board to consider approval of their educational program pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-29-7(d). Following discussion, the Board suggested that an unbiased third-party credentialing agency would be more experienced to review the provided program information to determine the course approval.

Meeting Minutes:

- January 11, 2023 C.C. Board meeting

Recommendations:

Approve as presented

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Board Meeting minutes from the January 11, 2023 C.C. Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Petitions for Rule Waiver/Variance:

Recommendation:

- L. Ballenger – Rule 420-9-.01 Grant
- T. Martin – Rule 420-9-.01 Grant
- C. Grant – Rule 420-9-.01 Grant

Ms. Stowers motioned, Ms. Moore seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition for L. Ballenger as discussed and presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Meldrum motioned, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition for T. Martin as discussed and presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Stowers motioned, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition for C. Grant as discussed and presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 1/12/2023 - 4/4/2023

License No.	Licensee
LDO002944	Randyn Shamar McMillan
LDO002945	Shakirah Johnson
LDO002946	Renildes Leira
LDO002947	Cynthia Solomon Hood
LDO002948	Matthew Michael Skelley
LDO002949	Brandon Thor Hux
LDO002950	Robert William Davis
LDO002951	Adrian Torres
LDO002952	Alyssa M Warren
LDO002953	Lindsay Allison Hooks
LDO002954	Carolina Han
LDO002955	Sierra Anothan Griggs
LDOA002375	Leesa Leakhrani Raghunath
LDOA002376	Heather Brewer Rhone
LDOA002377	Kayla Irene Stevens
LDOA002378	Holly Jeanne Bennett
LDOA002379	Ava Lynn Abernathy
LDOA002380	Melissa Jo Johnson
LDOA002381	Mackenzie Taylor McKnight
LDOA002382	Tawanda Jones
LDOA002383	Allison Kathryn Schenk
LDOA002384	Carol Nguyen Le
LDOA002385	Matthew Giraldo
LDOA002386	Tracey Kimberly Rogers
LDOA002387	Jasmine Ariel Thomas
LDOA002388	Anne Maragaret Salter
LDOA002389	Randy Arnold Garner
LDOA002390	Marche Renee Sankey
LDOA002391	Jade Danielle McKellery
LDOA002392	Tyeshia Karron Hillary

LDOA002393	Kyra Taeja Newell
LDOA002394	Jordan Lanette DeSimone
LDOA002395	Tiffany Marie Napier
LDOA002396	Amanda Hawkins Moncus
LDOA002397	Marsha Hope Swaney
LDOA002398	Dominique Antionette McNeil
LDOA002399	Torana Yokely
LDOA002400	Rachel Elizabeth White
LDOA002401	Elizabeth Ann Hilliard
LDOA002402	Elizabeth Marie Franklin
LDOA002403	Deborah Nicole Hedrick
LDOA002404	Jennifer Nogueras-Padilla
LDOA002405	Jaime Alberto Manan
LDOA002406	Theodore Gladstone Cato, Jr
LDOA002407	Brent Russell Stoker
LDOA002408	Jennifer Katy Salgado
LDOA002409	Karen Bourg Callahan
LDOA002410	Melissa Dawn Gonzalez
LDOA002411	Carmen Noel Johnson
LDOA002412	Elisabeth S King
LDOA002413	Nia Imani Elcock
LDOA002414	Susannah Lane Gregory
LDOA002415	Mary Elizabeth Jordan
LDOA002416	Jeremiah McKinley Cook
LDOA002417	Abigail Faith Brown
LDOA002418	Monica Jean Berry
LDOA002419	Megan Lynn Howard
LDOA002420	Dafne Arzate
LDOA002421	Steven Daniel Rowe
LDOA002422	Natasha Elizabeth Barringer Mumford
TOTAL:	60

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Moore seconded, and the Board voted to approve the ratify listing of licenses issued between meetings administratively as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Ethridge moved, Ms. Stowers seconded, and the Board voted to enter 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, Stowers, Morris, Meldrum and Moore.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 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 the Executive Session.

Applications:

- D. E.

Recommendations:

Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information

Ms. Ethridge motioned, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations on all applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

2023 Renewal Issues:

- J.O.
- C.B.

Recommendation:

Approve renewal as discussed
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Ms. Ethridge motioned, Ms. Stowers seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations on all 2023 renewal issues as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

- January 11, 2023 CC Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented.

Ms. Ethridge moved, Mr. Meldrum, and the Board voted to approve the January 11, 2023 Conference Call Board Meeting Executive Session minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant/Enforcement Complaint Report:

- **Pending Receipt/Board review of Investigative Report from Investigations:**
DISP220005/DISP220006, DISP220009/220010 (Companion Cases), DISP230002/230003
- **Pending Board Review:** DISP220008

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

Attorney General’s Report:

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

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

2023-2024 Officer Elections:

Chair: Gloria Etheridge
Vice-Chair: Amy Stowers

Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Moore seconded, and the Board voted to accept the 2023-2024 Officer Elections as presented. None opposed, motion carried

Ms. Ethridge moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.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 **July 19, 2023**