

GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2023 8:30 A.M.

The Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians met via teleconference/ZOOM on Wednesday, July 19, 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 MacNamara, OTI
Diane Drake
Call-In Users 4-9

Ms. Ethridge, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:42 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with additional items

- OTI Discussion – A. Stowers (Executive Session)

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 an additional conference call to be scheduled for Wednesday, August 9, 2023 @ 1:00 p.m. to review and discuss the program overview presentation and course approval. The final recommendation will be presented during the October 11, 2023 schedule Board meeting.

Meeting Minutes:

- April 5, 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 April 5, 2023 C.C. Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 4/5/2023 - 7/18/2023

License No.	Licensee
LDO002956	Anisleidi Rabilero
LDO002957	Lindsay Leigh Christensen
LDO002958	Lynn Marie Houts
LDO002959	Ny'Asia Ja Nya Uniquia Gonder
LDO002960	Nelda Amadilys Benitez
LDO002961	Torez Marcus Carson
LDO002962	Saxony Raine Rehkla
LDO002963	Katelyn Dawn Williams
LDO002964	Harley Cheyenne Dean

LDO002965	Deionna Berry Washington
LDOA002423	Carol Lynn Yagadics
LDOA002424	Jhony Flores
LDOA002425	Emmaly Shalon Campbell
LDOA002426	Ulysses Julian Bevis, II
LDOA002427	Marthia Elaine Brown
LDOA002428	Sara Kaye Redmond
LDOA002429	James Hamilton Ryland Wood
LDOA002430	Laila Landon Ward
LDOA002431	LaRita Suzette Jones
LDOA002432	Erica Deven Myrick
LDOA002433	Karen Diane Howerton
LDOA002434	Mariah Jade Awtrey
LDOA002435	Michael Ray Smith
LDOA002436	Shanika Smith Meeks
LDOA002437	Diana Pilar Pruden
LDOA002438	Melissa Hayes
LDOA002439	Paige Marie Akins
LDOA002440	Selma Music
LDOA002441	Olivia Elizabeth Hall
LDOA002442	Maria Elvia Rodgers
LDOA002443	Kirsty Marie Youles
LDOA002444	Christopher Kelly Roland
LDOA002445	Olesya N Matsipura
LDOA002446	Anna Ruth Parker
LDOA002447	Sandra Denise Cruz
LDOA002448	Justine Marie Pohero
LDOA002449	Kristy Dawn Anderson
LDOA002450	Lisa Michelle Rowe
LDOA002451	Fayth Marie Darnell
LDOA002452	Alaina Grace Gosnell
LDOA002453	Megan Carrie Williams
TOTAL:	56

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

Mr. Morris 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, July 19, 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: *No applications presented during today’s meeting*

2023 Renewal Issues:

- J.L.

Recommendation:

Refer to AG’s office as discussed

- M.T. Approve Renewal
- D.M. Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information
- L.D. Refer to AG's office as discussed

Ms. Stowers motioned, Ms. Moore seconded, and the Board voted to refer J.L. to the AG's office for failure to meet CE/renewal requirements as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Stowers motioned, Ms. Moore seconded, and the Board voted to refer L.D. to the AG's office for failure to meet CE/renewal requirements as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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:

- April 4, 2023 CC Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented.

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Stowers and the Board voted to approve the April 4, 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
- **Pending Board Review:** DISP230004 *G. Morris recused

Mr. Meldrum 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.

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

Ms. Ethridge moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 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 **October 11, 2023**