

**GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS**  
**Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes**  
**January 10, 2024 8:30 A.M.**

The Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians met via teleconference/ZOOM on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. The Board's Executive Director hosted the meeting remotely.

**Board Members Present:**

Gloria Ethridge, Chair  
 Amy Stowers, Vice-Chair  
 Glenn Morris  
 Angelic Moore, Consumer Member  
 (VACANT – Disp Opt)

**AG's Office Representative:**

Anna Scartz AAG

**Visitors Present:**

Brian Diener, OTI  
 Lisa Griffin, Wiregrass Technical Institute, Program Coordinator  
 Call-In User 1  
 Shanna Beall

**Members Absent:**

Dave Meldrum

**Administrative Staff Present:**

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

**Ms. Ethridge, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:38 a.m.**

**Agenda:** Approved with no additional items.

**Meeting Minutes:**

- October 11, 2023 C.C. Board meeting

**Recommendations:**

Approve as presented

**Ms. Ethridge moved, Ms. Stowers seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the October 11, 2023 C.C. Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Application Ratify List:** Issued Date: 10/11/2023 - 1/9/2024

license No	Licensee
LDO002982	Syble Diane Dunn
LDO002983	Kenneth Robert Fee, III
LDO002984	Jasmine Amari Ansley
LDO002985	Jessica Renee Lecker
LDO002986	Romain Enyonam Konou
LDO002987	Arabella Powell
LDO002988	Miguel Angel Barraza
LDO002989	Susan Kelsey Pisciotta
LDO002990	Amanda Lee Weaver
LDO002991	Shannon Yvonne Catalan
LDO002992	Erlw Neily Lemos
LDO002993	Lorena Zoi
LDO002994	Liana Jones
LDO002995	Fayaz Ali Dosani
LDO002996	Jacob Ryan Powell

LDO002997	Thomas Hunter Roloff
LDOA002499	Suzanne Annette Thompson
LDOA002500	Alexis Rose Boyd
LDOA002501	Joseph Barton Arencibia
LDOA002502	Jakaia Kalijah Lester
LDOA002503	Alisha Dosani
LDOA002504	Zachary Ryan Higgins
LDOA002505	Walaa Maarouf
LDOA002506	Donald William Henry
LDOA002507	Dominik Cassandra Hammonds
LDOA002508	Celia Kathleen Gault
LDOA002509	Mya Otisha Driver
LDOA002510	Tonya Dean Calvert
LDOA002511	Yvonne Viola Reece
LDOA002512	Wanda Ivelicce Rodriguez

LDOA002513	Jimena Montero Charles
LDOA002514	Jafra Maryan Merriweather
LDOA002515	Gracie Dobbs
LDOA002516	Tokoya Lyneisha Patterson
LDOA002517	Natalie Lynn Patrick
LDOA002518	Christopher Lei
LDOA002519	Jenna Christine Harris
LDOA002520	Michelle Luann Painter
LDOA002521	Shanice King
LDOA002522	Brock Nixon Hooks
LDOA002523	Fiauna Kay Hall

LDOA002524	Brian Don
LDOA002525	Salima Gulmiri-Rupani
LDOA002526	McKenzie Jaide Cowart
LDOA002527	LuvV' J Valentine
LDOA002528	Maxamus Ray Studdard
LDOA002529	Destiny Renee Bonds Pryor
LDOA002530	Rebecca Ann Braden
LDOA002531	Cathy Jo King
LDOA002532	Paige Elizabeth Rhyne
LDOA002533	Montiel Wilson
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>51</b>

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

**CE Program Requests**

- SECO 2024 – Approved
- CEDO Fall/Winter Courses – Approved

**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, and Moore.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 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:**

- S.B.

**Recommendation:**

Tabled; Pending receipt of additional information.

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

**Cognizant/Enforcement Complaint Report:**

- **Pending Receipt of Investigative Report from Investigations:** DISP230002, DISP230003, and DISP230004
- **Pending Board Review:** DISP220005, DISP220006

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

**Attorney General’s Report:**

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

**Ms. Moore moved, Ms. Stowers seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General’s report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Executive Session Minutes:**

- October 11, 2023 CC Board Meeting

**Recommendation:**

Approve as presented.

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

**Dispensary Programs - Wiregrass Georgia Technical College/Georgia Piedmont Technical College:**

Following an in-depth discussion, Board Member, Glen Morris advised the Board that he would visit Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, and/or Georgia Piedmont Technical College to meet with Ms. Lisa Griffin, Program Coordinator (WGTC). Mr. Morris will review and obtain additional information, including but not limited to each program's equivalency and availability to all potential applicants, as well as authorized sponsorship (Commission on Opticianry Accreditation). Mr. Morris will provide the Board with a report during the April scheduled meeting.

**Ms. Ethridge moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 a.m.**

Minute recorded by:

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

**GLORIA ETHRIDGE**

Chair

**BRIG ZIMMERMAN**

Executive Director, HC1

Meeting minutes were approved **April 3, 2024**

**State of Georgia  
County of Bibb**

**Affidavit Supporting Closing of Public Meeting**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. 50-14-1 et seq., requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions an identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. Sec. 50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question:

Comes now, **Gloria Ethridge**, the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the **Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians**
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On **January 10, 2024**, this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was §§§ 43-1-2(k), 43-1-19(h), and 50-14-2(1).
5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:

SUBJECT DISCUSSED:	LEGAL AUTHORITY
Investigations including reports and deliberations	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-19(h)(2)&(4)
Applications	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-2-(k)(1)(2)
Exams (including questions, materials and deliberations)	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-2(k)(3)(4)
Attorney General's Report (certain matters of attorney/client privilege)	O.C.G.A. Sect. 50-14-2(1)
Investigative Interviews if part of disciplinary	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-19(4)
Probation Report (employer and self report)	
Probation Reports (medical information)	O.C.G.A. Sect. 50-18-72(G)(2)
Executive Session Minutes	O.C.G.A. Sect 50-14-4
Cognizant Member's Report	O.C.G.A. Sect. 43-1-2(k)(4)
Voting	None (must be in open session)

*Gloria Ethridge*  
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 (Presiding Officer)

**FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT**

Sworn and subscribed before me,

This 22 day of January 2024

*Heather Aldrich*  
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 Notary Public

