

GEORGIA BEHAVIOR ANALYST LICENSING BOARD

Conference Call/WEBEX Board Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2024 * 9:30 AM

The Georgia Board of Behavior Analyst met via teleconference on Thursday, February 15, 2024. The Board's Executive Director hosted the meeting remotely from home.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maggie Molony, Chair
Coby Lund, Vice-Chair
Robin Osborne
Amber Furby

ATTORNEY GENERALS' OFFICE:

Bryon Thernes, AAG

VISITORS PRESENT:

Dak Gonzalez
Hannah Bechke Taylor
Idris Demird
Jade Lewis, BCBA
Call-In User 2
Adam Spencer, GABA
Ty Stevenson, ABA
Lacey Mathis
Mikayla Flick
Erin
D. Carries

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

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

Ms. Maggie Molony, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with no late agenda items

Meeting Minutes:

- January 25, 2024 CC Board Meeting
- February 6, 2024 CC Cmte Meeting

Recommendation:

- Approve as presented
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Ms. Furby motioned, Mr. Lund seconded, and the Board voted to approve the January 25, 2024 C.C. Board Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Furby motioned, Mr. Lund seconded, and the Board voted to approve the February 6, 2024 C.C. Committee Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Osborne motioned, Mr. Lund seconded, and the Board voted to enter Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19 (h) (2) & (4) to discuss and review memos from the Assistant Attorney General's Office and review previous executive session meeting minutes. Voting in favor of the motion were Board members present Molony, Lund, Furby and Osborne.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Thursday, February 15, 2024, Ms. Molony declared the meeting into "open" session pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were taken in Executive Session.

Public Announcement Letter: The Board requests a document for public view, posted on the website, to provide updates and progress of the Board. The letter will be presented during the next scheduled Board meeting.

Rule Discussion/Applications:

- Supervision– Registered Behavior Technicians: May be supervised by a LBA or LaBA
- Code of Ethics – Rule 75-4

- Nationwide background/fingerprint requirement
- Secure and Verifiable Documents under O.C.G.A. 50-36-2(3)
- Fee Schedule – *Vote to adopt*

Ms. Osborne motioned, Ms. Furby seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the Fee Schedule and post on the Board’s website once the applications for licensure have been drafted and approved by the Board and licensure will begin to be issued. None opposed, motion carried.

Following discussion, the Board requested an additional Board meeting to be scheduled to review and vote on Board rules and application forms. The requested committee meeting will be conducted via Webex on Thursday, February 22, 2024 @ 9:30 a.m.

Executive Session Meeting Minutes:

- January 25, 2024 CC Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Ms. Furby motioned, Mr. Lund seconded, and the Board voted to approve the January 25, 2024 C.C. Executive Session Board Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, the Board meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC-1

MARGARET “MAGGIE” MOLONY

Board Chair

BRIG ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director

Minutes approved: **March 28, 2024**

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 meetings 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 and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A.50-14-4(b).

Comes now, Margaret Molony, 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 Behavior Analyst Licensing Board.
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 **February 15, 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 O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h).
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)	O.C.G.A. Sect. 50-18-72(G)(2)
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)

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

PRESIDING OFFICER Maggie Molony, BCBA-D

Sworn and subscribed before me this 28th day of MARCH, 2024

with express permission by
 Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Notary Public
 My commission expires: 11/02/2027

Iris Waller
 NOTARY PUBLIC
 Bibb County, GEORGIA
 My Commission Expires 11/02/2027

Brig Zimmerman