

# GEORGIA BEHAVIOR ANALYST LICENSING BOARD

Conference Call/WEBEX Board Meeting Minutes

June 27, 2024 \* 9:30 AM

The Georgia Behavior Analyst Licensing Board met via teleconference on Thursday, June 27, 2024.

## **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

## **ATTORNEY GENERALS' OFFICE:**

Michelle Sawyer, AAG

## **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Amanda Allen, Executive Director  
Jalaina Fuller, Licensing Supervisor

## **VISITORS PRESENT:**

Brandy M. Locchetta  
Sandra W  
Caitlin Friend  
Michelle Amerson  
Mikayla Flick  
Malea Davis  
Emily Williams  
Adam Spencer

Ginger S  
Kristen Vaughn  
Katie Woodruff  
Gabrielle Deliz  
Elizabeth Wilkerson  
Mary Sawyer  
Hollie Benincosa  
Andrew Patterson

**Ms. Maggie Molony, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.**

**Agenda:** Approved with no late agenda items

## **Meeting Minutes:**

- May 16, 2024, CC Board Meeting

## **Recommendation:**

Approve as presented

**Ms. Furby motioned, Ms. Osborne seconded, and the Board voted to approve the May 16, 2024 C.C. Board Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

## **Presentations:**

Qualified Applied Behavior Analysis (QABA) presented additional parent testimonials. Ms. Gabrielle Deliz, Director, Public Affairs at Arc 3 Communications, outlines that the QABA members are specifically requesting to have Qualified Applied Behavior Analysis listed directly in the proposed Board Chapter 75-5 Licensure by Certification.

**Ms. Furby motioned, Ms. Osborne 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, discuss application forms with the AAG, review correspondence, and review previous executive session meeting minutes. Voting in favor of the motion were Board members present Molony, Furby, Osborne, and Lund.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Thursday, June 27, 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.**

**Board Discussion:**

After an in-depth discussion, following the ongoing discussions presented by Qualified Applied Behavior Analysis (QABA), as it relates to the interest of the Board to consider QABA for recognition as a qualified certifying entity for Behavior Analysts, the Board requested written clarification on the credentialing process through QABA.

**Mr. Lund motioned, Ms. Furby seconded, and the Board voted to request additional clarification on the credentialing process through QABA as discussed in Executive session. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Assistant Attorney General’s Report:**

Michelle Sawyer, AAG, provided a status report.

**Mr. Lund motioned, Ms. Osborne seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General’s report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Executive Session Meeting Minutes:**

- May 16, 2024, CC Board Meeting

**Recommendation:**

Approve as presented

**Mr. Lund motioned, Ms. Osborne seconded, and the Board voted to approve the May 16, 2024 C.C. Executive Session Board Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

Board discussed the cancellation of the July 18, 2024 scheduled Board meeting.

**With no additional Board business requiring discussion, the Board meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.**

Minutes recorded by:

Jalaina Fuller, Licensing Supervisor

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Amanda Allen, Executive Director, HC-1

**MARGARET “MAGGIE” MOLONY**

Board Chair

**AMANDA ALLEN**

Executive Director

Minutes approved: **September 19, 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 June 27, 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 Margaret Molony with Express Permission  
Amanda Allen, Executive Director

Sworn and subscribed before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024

Notary Public  
My commission expires: JANUARY 18, 2025

