

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**  
**Board Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2024 \* 10:00 a.m.**  
**Conference Call/Webex**

The Georgia State Board of Optometry met via teleconference/Webex on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.

**Board Members Present:**

Robert “Bob” McCullough, O.D., President  
Paul Ajamian, O.D., Vice-President  
Jeffrey Hackleman, O.D.  
Jeanne Perrine, O.D.  
Ellen Fitzgerald, O.D.  
B. Thassanee Gutter-Parker – Consumer Member

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Amanda Allen, Executive Director  
Jalaina Fuller, Licensing Supervisor  
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist  
Sarah Collet, Licensing Analyst  
Deshauna Thornton, Licensing Analyst

**Attorney General’s Office**

Anna Scartz, AAG

**Dr. Bob McCullough, President, established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.**

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

**Meeting Minutes:**

- February 14, 2024 CC Board Meeting
- March 13, 2024 CC Board Meeting

**Recommendation:**

Approve as presented  
Approve as presented

**Dr. Perrine moved, Dr. Fitzgerald seconded, and the Board voted to approve the February 14, 2024 Conference Call Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Dr. Perrine moved, Dr. Fitzgerald seconded, and the Board voted to approve the March 13, 2024 Conference Call Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Correspondence:**

- **L. Fennell-ARBO - Radiofrequency Technology**– *Neither the Board nor the administrative staff are able to provide an interpretation of Georgia Laws regulating the profession. You will need to seek your own legal counsel to assist in interpreting Georgia laws regulating the profession. Additionally, please refer to the Boards Rules and laws of the profession, specifically Board rule 430-5-.03 and GA law O.C.G.A. § 43-30-1.*

**Application Ratify List:** Licenses issued between: 2/14/2024 - 5/14/2024

License No.	Licensee
OPT003550	Kandice Keanta Echols
OPT003551	Thanh-Trinh Thuy Doan
OPT003552	Henry Xu
OPT003553	Daniel Jonathon Greathouse
OPT003554	Erika Saucedo
OPT003556	Resiola Neli
OPT003558	William Eade Garrison
OPT003559	Jenelle A Palmer
OPT003560	Fatima Shaheen Karim
OPT003561	Wende T Waggoner
OPT003562	Gabrielle Christina Murphey
OPT003563	Kenyatta Develyn Brantley

OPT003564	Oshiobughie Daniel Iteghie
OPT003565	Maria Jean Nelsen

**Dr. Hackleman moved, Dr. Perrine seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application ratify list as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Board Rules Discussion:** – (Open Session)

- 430-5-.01 Treatment Plans, Eye Exams & Patient Records
- 430-5-.02 Contents of Prescriptions for Contact Lenses

**Dr. Perrine moved, Dr. Hackleman seconded, and the Board voted to approve proposed rule amendments to Board Rules 430-5-.01 Treatment Plans, Eye Exams & Patient Records and refer to the AG’s office for review and memo of statutory authority, posting the rule upon receipt for the minimum thirty days for public view with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for the next available date following the public posting. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Dr. Fitzgerald moved, Dr. Ajamian seconded, and the Board voted to approve proposed rule amendments to Board Rules 430-5-.02 Contents of Prescriptions for Contact Lenses and refer to the AG’s office for review and memo of statutory authority, posting the rule upon receipt for the minimum thirty days for public view with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for the next available date following the public posting. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Misc. Discussion Items:**

- **DEA CE Credit – R. McCullough** - Any other individual or organization (not preapproved) desiring Board approval of an educational program sponsored by the individual or organization, or particular segments of such a program shall submit a request for approval to the State Board of Optometry, pursuant to Board Rule 430-2-.04 Continuing Education Requirements: Approval of Education Programs.

**Dr. McCullough moved, Dr. Fitzgerald seconded, and the Board voted to enter Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) and 43-1-2(k) to review Applications, review the executive session minutes, receive the Cognizant (Complaints) and Assistant Attorney General reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included McCullough, Hackleman, Fitzgerald, Ajamian, Perrine, and Gutter-Parker.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, Dr. McCullough declared the meeting back into “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were obtained during the closed session.**

**Applications:** *None presented*

**Cognizant Report:**

- ❖ **Recommend Closure:** OPT240008
- ❖ **Pending in AG’s Office:** OPT210012/230015 (Companion Cases), OPT220010/220012 (Companion Cases – P. Ajamian Recused), OPT230017, OPT240001, OPT230011
- ❖ **Pending Receipt of Additional Information:** OPT240009, OPT240012, OPT240013

**Dr. Ajamian moved, Dr. Fitzgerald seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations of the Cognizant report on complaints as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Attorney General's Report:**

Anna Scartz, Assistant Attorney General provided a written status report which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and /or requests for authority for proposed rules.

**Dr. Fitzgerald moved, Dr. Hackleman seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Assistant Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**2022-2023 Final Renewal Issues:**

- T.K.
- D.K.
- K.V.
- A.B.
- D.N.

**Recommendation:**

Refer to AG's office for Public Consent Order as discussed  
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Approve as discussed

**Dr. Fitzgerald moved, Dr. Perrine seconded, and the Board voted to refer T.K., D.K., K.V., and A.B. to the AG's office for a Public Board Order for non-compliance with the CE requirements that must be met to renew the required license. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Dr. Perrine moved, Dr. Fitzgerald seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendation of D.N. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Executive Session Minutes:**

- February 14, 2024 CC Board Meeting

**Recommendation:**

Approve as presented

**Dr. Perrine moved, Dr. Hackleman seconded, and the Board voted to approve the February 14, 2024 Executive Session Board Meeting Conference Call meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Board Announcements:**

Prior to the adjournment of today's meeting, the Board requested for the August 21, 2024 Board meeting to be scheduled in-person at the Professional Licensing Boards division in Macon. Executive Director, Amanda Allen advised she will discuss this request with the Division Director to determine if it can be authorized.

**There being no further business for discussion, the Board meeting adjourned at 11:37 p.m.**

**Minutes recorded by:**

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:**

Amanda Allen, Licensing Supervisor

**DR. ROBERT MCCULLOUGH**

President

**AMANDA ALLEN**

Executive Director HC1

Minutes reviewed and approved **August 21, 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 and 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, Dr. Robert McCullough, 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 Optometry.
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 May 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 §§§ 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:

**Receive and review disciplinary/complaint files and reports; review applications; meet with applicants; receive the Attorney General's Report; and review Executive Session minutes.**

**Further the affiant sayeth not.**

Robert McCullough  
(Presiding Officer)

Sworn and subscribed before me,

This 15<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY 2024

Deborah A Horton  
Notary Public

