

GEORGIA BEHAVIOR ANALYST LICENSING BOARD

Conference Call/WEBEX Board Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2025 * 9:30 AM

The Georgia Behavior Analyst Licensing Board met via teleconference on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Maggie Molony, Chair
Coby Lund, Vice-Chair
Brandy Locchetta
Robin Osborne

ATTORNEY GENERALS' OFFICE:

Elizabeth Simpson, AAG

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

Amanda Allen, Executive Director
Jalaina Fuller, Licensing Supervisor
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist
Cynthia Lewis, Licensing Analyst

VISITORS PRESENT:

Call-In Users 1	Kalynn Hall, EdD, BCBA-D	Stephanie
Call-In Users 2	Kellen Carr	Tara Ingold
Call-In Users 3	Kelly Noda	Taby Carr
Call-In Users 4	Lera	Datiese
Call-In Users 5	Lucy Diaz Cruz	Susan Bradley
Call-In Users 6	Marquil Jacobs	Amy Davis
Dr. Diane Hollander	Max Hamel	Best Foster
Claire Paul	Meghan Adams	Marone
Danielle Strickland	Michael Morrier	Ashley Neitzer
Dr. Sara Mulholland	Nicole Blanchette	Amye Morris
Ellisa	Nicole Wagner	Amber
Fireflies.Ai Notaker Jeff	Sadie P.	Adam Spencer
Heather	Sarah Hyché	A.Doerr
Nina Gerencser	Shanee	Andre
Giner Sunbom	Shannah	Jonathan Keefe
Heavenly Wilkinson	Sara	Erin Burrell
Jeff Beck (AnswersNow)	Shannon Roundtree	Aliciente Parker
Jennifer	Sharon Hynes	KW
Jennifer Santoemma	Sheneice Willis Lewis	LD
Julie G	Sherry Serdikoff	

Ms. Maggie Molony, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with no late agenda items

Meeting Minutes:

- November 21, 2024, CC Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Mr. Lund motioned, Ms. Locchetta seconded, and the Board voted to approve the November 21, 2024 C.C. Board Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Rules Discussion:

- 75-6-.01 Administratively Processed Applications
- 75-6-.02 Cognizant Review
- 75-7-.01 Discipline

Mr. Lund motioned, Ms. Locchetta seconded, and the Board voted to refer Board Rule 75-6-.01 Administratively Processed Applications to the AG's office for a Memo of Statutory Authority and to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days for public view with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for the next available date following the thirty-day public posting. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Locchetta motioned, Ms. Osborne seconded, and the Board voted to refer Board Rule 75-6-.02 Cognizant Review to the AG's office for a Memo of Statutory Authority and to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days for public view with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for the next available date following the thirty-day public posting. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Locchetta motioned, Mr. Lund seconded, and the Board voted to refer Board Rule 75-7-.01 Discipline to the AG's office for a Memo of Statutory Authority and to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days for public view with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for the next available date following the thirty-day public posting. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Lund motioned, Ms. Locchetta 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/rules with the AAG, and review previous executive session meeting minutes. Voting in favor of the motion were Board members present Molony, Locchetta, Osborne and Lund.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Thursday, January 23, 2025, 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.

Assistant Attorney General's Report:

Ms. Elizabeth Simpson AAG provided a status report.

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

Application Forms Review:

- Assistant Behavior Analyst - Application by Certification
- Behavior Analyst - Application by Certification
- Behavior Analyst - Application by Reciprocity

Ms. Locchetta motioned, Mr. Lund seconded, and the Board voted following the review, to refer the Application Forms to the Division Director for posting on the Boards website as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Rules Discussion Cont'd:

- 75-7-.02 Unlicensed Practice
- 75-8-.01 Display of License
- 75-8-.02 Advertising
- 75-9-.01 Release of Investigative Files
- 75-8-.03 Professional & Unprofessional Conduct – *Tabled for further review during February meeting*

Ms. Locchetta motioned, Mr. Lund seconded, and the Board voted to refer Board Rule 75-7-.02 Unlicensed Practice to the AG's office for a Memo of Statutory Authority and to post the proposed rule amendments for

the minimum thirty days for public view with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for the next available date following the thirty-day public posting. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Lund motioned, Ms. Osborne seconded, and the Board voted not to refer Board Rule 75-8-.01 Display of License to the Attorney General’s Office for the memo of authority. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Osborne motioned, Mr. Lund seconded, and the Board voted to refer Board Rule 75-8-.02 Advertising to the AG’s office for a Memo of Statutory Authority and to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days for public view with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for the next available date following the thirty-day public posting. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Lund motioned, Ms. Locchetta seconded, and the Board voted to refer Board Rule 75-9-.01 Release of Investigative Files to the AG’s office for a Memo of Statutory Authority and to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days for public view with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for the next available date following the thirty-day public posting. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Meeting Minutes:

- November 21, 2024 CC Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as amended

Mr. Lund motioned, Ms. Locchetta seconded, and the Board voted to approve the November 21, 2024 C.C. Executive Session Board Meeting minutes as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Meeting Dates:

All Board meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. Meetings will be scheduled on the proposed monthly dates noted below, if required.

- January 23, 2025
- February 20, 2025
- March 20, 2025
- April 17, 2025
- May 15, 2025
- June 12, 2025
- July 17, 2025
- August 14, 2025
- September 18, 2025

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

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Amanda Allen, Executive Director

MARGARET “MAGGIE” MOLONY

Board Chair

AMANDA ALLEN

Executive Director

Minutes approved: **February 20, 2025**

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.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 JANUARY 23, 2025 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 23 day of JANUARY, 2025

Linsey Joiner

Notary Public

My commission expires: 08/14/2028

