

GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2024 8:30 A.M.

The Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians met via teleconference/Webex on Wednesday, July 17, 2024.

Board Members Present:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

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

AG’s Office Representative:

Anna Scartz AAG

Visitors Present:

Paige Shoven
 Judy Lew
 Anna Williams

Ms. Ethridge, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with no additional items

Meeting Minutes:

- April 3, 2024 C.C. Board meeting

Recommendations:

Approve as presented

Mr. Meldrum moved, Ms. Moore seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the April 3, 2024 C.C. Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 4/4/2024 - 7/15/2024

License No,	Licensee
LDO003002	Katrina Helen Farmer
LDO003003	Maritza Ramirez Rueda
LDO003004	Selah Shakan Brown
LDO003005	Lani Susuico Lujan
LDO003006	Kiran Faheem
LDO003007	Shanice King
LDO003008	Ji Eun Seo
LDO003009	Simon Vincenzo Guzman
LDOA002564	Amber Ann Harden
LDOA002565	Niti Bandhu
LDOA002566	William Brent Silvey
LDOA002567	Adrienne Alise Leggington
LDOA002568	Deborah Michelle Norris
LDOA002569	Cassie J. Petix
LDOA002570	Julissa Salas
LDOA002571	Jasmine Rocio Nunez
LDOA002572	Idalis Monet Dixon
LDOA002573	Traniece Brown

LDOA002574	Alicia C Williamson
LDOA002575	Brooklyn Johnson
LDOA002576	Trevon Ahmad Thomas
LDOA002577	Spencer Alexander Felix
LDOA002578	Jessica Diane Lively
LDOA002579	Heather Lynn Boyd
LDOA002580	Lindsay Marie Nicholson
LDOA002581	Brisa Yatziri Gallegos Hernandez
LDOA002582	Kiundrea Aliyah Jones
LDOA002583	Elizabeth Mariana Jean Larkins
LDOA002584	Daphne Renae McMunn
LDOA002585	Yoon Seo
TOTAL:	30

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

CE Program Application Approval Request:

- Optical Training Institute – Nutrition and the Eyes

Recommendation:

Approve

Mr. Meldrum motioned, Ms. Stowers seconded, and the Board voted to approve the CE program application approval request for Optical Training Institute as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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, Meldrum and Moore.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, July 17, 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:

Approve for reinstatement

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

Cognizant/Enforcement Complaint Report:

- **Recommend Closure:** DISP240006
- **Schedule for Investigative Interview:** DISP230003 (See also DISP230002)
- **Pending Board Review:** DISP220005 & DISP220006

Ms. Ethridge motioned, Mr Morris 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.

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

Executive Session Minutes:

- April 3, 2024 CC Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented.

Ms. Ethridge motioned, Ms. Moore and the Board voted to approve the April 3, 2024 Conference Call Board Meeting Executive Session minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Ethridge moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m.

Minute recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Amanda Allen, Executive Director

GLORIA ETHRIDGE

Chair

AMANDA ALLEN

Executive Director, HC1

Meeting minutes were approved **October 16, 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, **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 **July 17, 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)	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

**with Express Permission
Amanda Allen, Executive Director**

Gloria Ethridge

(Presiding Officer)

Sworn and subscribed before me,

This 17th day of July 2024

Deborah A Horton
Notary Public

