

GEORGIA BEHAVIOR ANALYST LICENSING BOARD

Conference Call/WEBEX Board Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2025 * 9:30 AM

The Georgia Behavior Analyst Licensing Board met via teleconference on Thursday, April 17, 2025.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

VISITORS PRESENT:

Sadie
Call-In User

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Christina “Nina” Holland

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

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

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Elizabeth Simpson, AAG

Ms. Maggie Molony, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with no late agenda items

Meeting Minutes:

- February 20, 2025 CC Board Meeting
- March 20, 2025 CC Board Meeting – No quorum

Recommendation:

Approve as presented
Approve as presented

Mr. Lund motioned, Ms. Locchetta seconded, and the Board voted to approve the February 20, 2025 C.C. Board Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Lund motioned, Ms. Locchetta seconded, and the Board voted to approve the March 30, 2025 C.C. Board Meeting minutes of no quorum as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Rule(s) /Form(s) Development – Ongoing Discussion

- Applications for Licensure
- Drafting Frequently Asked Questions

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

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Thursday, April 17, 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.

Applications:

- C.L.

Recommendation:

Approve-Pending receipt of additional information

Ms. Locchetta motioned, Ms. Osborne seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application as presented. In addition, the Board voted for licenses to be issued upon receipt of the national fingerprint background requirements if all other requirements for licensure have been met. None opposed, one recusal, motion carried.

Executive Session Discussion Items:

The Board is currently accepting applications for licensure as Behavior Analyst via Certification/Reciprocity, and Assistant Behavior Analysts via Certification. The Board would like to advise all potential applicants that if an application has not been submitted to the Board by August 01, 2025, it will be considered practicing without a license pursuant to O.C.G.A. 43-7A-6.

Additionally, please be advised that once an application has been approved and a license has been issued this current year (2025), licensees may not hold the license for the two (02) full years before having to pay and complete the required renewal application. The length of time the initial license will be valid, prior to renewal, will depend on when the application was submitted/approved.

Assistant Attorney General's Report:

Ms. Elizabeth Simpson AAG provided a status report, in which included a MOA for all Board rules previously adopted under the Emergency Rule Hearing. The report concluded that all rules have been statutorily authorized and will be presented to the Board for an official vote to post the rules for the required 30 days with a public rule hearing to be scheduled the next available Board meeting.

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

Executive Session Meeting Minutes:

- February 20, 2025 CC Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Ms. Locchetta motioned, Ms. Osborne seconded, and the Board voted to approve the February 20, 2025 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 11:24 a.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: **May 15, 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 April 17, 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 17 day of April, 2025

Linsey Joiner
 Notary Public

My commission expires: 8/14/2028

