

GEORGIA BEHAVIOR ANALYST LICENSING BOARD

Conference Call/WEBEX Board Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2025 * 9:30 AM

The Georgia Behavior Analyst Licensing Board met via teleconference on Thursday, May 15, 2025.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE:

Elizabeth Simpson, AAG

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Christina "Nina" Holland

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:

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

VISITORS PRESENT:

Amber Furby
Amber Brown
Abigail Soffera
Adrienne Melnyk
Annie Dyke
Sriana Boutain
Carol
Cassy Gayman
Hannah O.
Imani C.
Jamie
Jess
Idris Demirci
Jennifer Fredenburg
Katie Woodruff
Kelsey
Max Hamel

Angela
Paul
Rebekah T.
Sam Guadagno
Taylor Thompson
Zakira Golden
Call-In User 1
Call-In User 2
Call-In User 3
Charity Floyd
Elissa
Khadja
Alax Hernandez
Christine Marrero
Bassheva
Melissa

Ms. Maggie Molony, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with no late agenda items

Meeting Minutes:

- April 17, 2025 CC Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Mr. Lund motioned, Ms. Locchetta seconded, and the Board voted to approve the April 17, 2025 C.C. Board Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Correspondence:

- K. Stiltner - *Supervision requirements are based on requirements set by the credentialing/certification Board. The Board itself has not established any specific supervision requirements at this time. Please direct your inquiries to the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB).*
- K. Gillespie- *Supervision requirements are based on requirements set by the credentialing/certification Board. The Board itself has not established any specific supervision requirements at this time. Please direct your inquiries to the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB).*

Mr. Lund motioned, Ms. Osborne seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations made for all correspondences listed above and for Board staff to respond as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Locchetta motioned, Mr. Lund 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, May 15, 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.

Executive Session Discussion Items:

- The Board is currently accepting applications for licensure as Behavior Analysts via Certification/Reciprocity, and Assistant Behavior Analysts via Certification. Following discussion during today’s meeting, the deadline for application submission has been extended to September 30, 2025, instead of August 1, 2025, date as reflected in the April 17, 2025, Board meeting minutes.
- The Board would like to advise all potential applicants that if an application has not been submitted to the Board by September 30, 2025, it **may** be considered practicing without a license pursuant to O.C.G.A. §43-7A-6.
- Inactive Status: Following discussion in executive session, the Board voted to refer the issue of whether Inactive Status for Behavior Analysts licenses is authorized under the joint secretary rules and O.C.G.A. §43-1-19.
- Online Application Submissions: Please be advised that when applying for BA/ABA licensure online with the new GOALS platform, the Board will not accept screenprints of the required BACB certifications. An official BACB certification or pocket card must be provided.

Mr. Lund motioned, Ms. Locchetta seconded, and the Board voted to refer the matter of Inactive Status authorization to the AG’s office for official advice as presented. None opposed, motion carried

Applications:

- V.L.
- M.M. *M. Molony Recused
- R.O. *R. Osborne Recused

Recommendation:

- Approve-Pending receipt of additional information
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Ms. Locchetta motioned, Mr. Lund seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application for V.L. as discussed and presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Coby motioned, Ms. Osborne seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application for M.M. as discussed and presented. None opposed, one recusal, motion carried.

Ms. Locchetta motioned, Mr. Lund seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application for R.O. as discussed and presented. None opposed, one recusal, motion carried.

Assistant Attorney General's Report:

Ms. Elizabeth Simpson AAG provided a status report, which included an MOA for all Board rules previously adopted under the Emergency Rule Hearing. The report established that all rules have been statutorily authorized. All rules will be posted for the required 30 days, accompanied by a public rule hearing to be scheduled.

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:

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Recommendation:

Approve as presented

Mr. Lund motioned, Ms. Locchetta seconded, and the Board voted to approve the April 17, 2025 C.C. Executive Session Board Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

The original June 12, 2025 scheduled board meeting will be cancelled, and all board meeting business will be tabled for discussion during the scheduled July 17, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. As previously established, the Board will meet quarterly unless determined that additional meeting dates are required.

With no additional Board business requiring discussion, the Board meeting was adjourned at 10:58 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: **July 17, 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 officer 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 MAY 15, 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 15 day of MAY, 2025

Linsey Joiner
 Notary Public

My commission expires: 08/14/2028

