

**GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS**  
**Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 28, 2025 8:30 A.M.**

The Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians met via teleconference/Webex on Monday, April 28, 2025

**Board Members Present:**

Gloria Ethridge, Chair  
Amy Stowers, Vice-Chair  
Dave Meldrum  
Glenn Morris

**Administrative Staff Present:**

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

**Board Members Absent:**

Angelic Moore, Consumer Member  
(VACANT – Disp Opt)

**AG's Office Representative:**

Anna Scartz AAG

**Ms. Stowers Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.**

**Agenda:** Approved with no additional items

**Petitions for Rule Waiver/Variance:**

- Ronda Deppen – Rule 420-9-.01
- Phyllis Birt - O.C.G.A 43-29-11

**Recommendation:**

Grant  
Deny; The Board does not have the authority to waive/vary GA law.

**Mr. Morris motioned, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition for R. Deppen as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Meldrum motioned, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition for P. Birt as the Board does not have the authority to waive/vary GA law. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Ms. Ethridge moved, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 a.m.**

**\*Please be advised there were no items requiring discussion in the executive session during today's meeting; therefore, no executive session minutes will be reflected for this meeting.**

Minute recorded by:

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Amanda Allen, Executive Director

**AMY STOWERS**

Chair

**AMANDA ALLEN**

Executive Director, HC1

Meeting minutes were approved **July 16, 2025**