

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**  
**Board Meeting Minutes of November 19, 2025 \* 10:00 a.m.**  
**Conference Call/Webex**

The Georgia State Board of Optometry met via teleconference/Webex on Wednesday, November 19, 2025

**Board Members Present:**

Paul Ajamian, O.D President  
 Jeanne Perrine, O.D., Vice-President  
 Robert “Bob” McCullough, O.D.  
 Ellen Fitzgerald, O.D.  
 Jeffrey Hackleman, O.D.  
 B. Thassanee Gutter-Parker – Consumer Member

**Administrative Staff Present:**

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

**Attorney General’s Office**

Vanessa Alva, AAG

**Dr. Paul Ajamian, President, established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.**

**Agenda:** Approved with additional late items:

- 2026 Board Meeting Dates Amendment
  - The original August 19, 2026 Board meeting date will be changed to August 26, 2026

**Meeting Minutes:**

- August 20, 2025 CC Board Meeting

**Recommendation:**

Approve as presented

**Mr. McCullough moved, Dr. Perrine seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 20, 2025 Conference Call Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Application Ratify List:** Licenses Issued between: (August 20, 2025 - November 17, 2025)

License Type	License	Contact
Optometrist	OPT003690	Steffie Shine
Optometrist	OPT003691	Miguel Antonio De Falco
Optometrist	OPT003692	Vaishnavi Narain
Optometrist	OPT003693	Sana Khadair
Optometrist	OPT003694	Mondo Bahti Kazadi
Optometrist	OPT003695	Kale-Kidan Berhe
Optometrist	OPT003697	Chase Hahn
Optometrist	OPT003696	Sonali Dharmesh Das
Optometrist	OPT003698	Mary Hannah Wheeler
Optometrist	OPT003699	Adelphy Payero
Optometrist	OPT003700	Ashley Rochelle Craven Carson
Optometrist	OPT003701	Janzen C. Pigg
Optometrist	OPT003702	Alan Lawrence Levy
Optometrist	OPT003703	Jared Christopher Cox
Optometrist	OPT003704	Simran Sethi Ankola
Optometrist	OPT003705	Theresa Ha Dang
<b>TOTAL:</b>		16

Ms. Fitzgerald moved, Mr. McCullough seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application ratify list as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

**Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance:**

- A. Kannan – Rule 430-2-.04

**Recommendation:**

Grant

Dr. Hackleman moved, Ms. Fitzgerald seconded, and the Board voted to grant the petition for rule waiver/variance for A. Kannan as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

**Board Rule Discussion:**

**430-2-.04 Continuing Education Requirements; Approval of Education Programs** – Following discussion, it was concluded that all licensee’s must maintain their CPR certification throughout their active licensure in GA.

**2026 Board Meeting Dates:** Via Webex- Start Time – 10:00 a.m.

- February 18, 2026
- May 13, 2026
- August 26, 2026
- November 18, 2026

Dr. McCullough moved, Ms. Fitzgerald seconded, and the Board voted to enter Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) and 43-1-2(k) to review Applications, review the executive session minutes, receive the Cognizant (Complaints) and Assistant Attorney General reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Ajamian, Perrine, McCullough, Hackleman, Fitzgerald, Parker.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, Dr. Ajamian declared the meeting back into “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. No votes were obtained during the closed session.

**Applications:** *None*

**Executive Correspondence:**

- CE Provider – A.O.A. - Dr. McCullough – *Board Information Only*

**Cognizant Report:**

- ❖ **Pending Peer Reviewer:** OPT240016
- ❖ **Pending in AG’s Office:** OPT220010 & 220012 \*P. Ajamian Recused, OPT210012 & 230015, OPT230011, OPT230017, OPT240001, OPT250002
- ❖ **Pending Receipt of Additional Information:** OPT240013

Dr. Fitzgerald moved, Dr. McCullough seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations of the Cognizant report on complaints as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

**Attorney General’s Report:**

Vanessa Alva, Assistant Attorney General provided a written status report which included information on any cases referred for action, requests for advice and /or requests for authority for proposed rules.

Dr. Fitzgerald moved, Dr. McCullough seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Assistant Attorney General’s report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

**Executive Correspondence:**

- SB140 – Pending AG review and consultation with the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy  
*Effective January 2026, licensed Optometrists are authorized to dispense and sell pharmaceutical agents. Optometrists must report this information to the GA Optometry Board at the time of licensure renewal and comply with all applicable regulations set forth by the Georgia Board of Pharmacy (Code Section 26-4-130).*

**Executive Session Minutes:**

- August 20, 2025 CC Board Meeting

**Recommendation:**

Approve as amended

**Dr. Perrine moved, Dr. Ajamian seconded, and the Board voted to approve the August 20, 2025 Executive Session Board Meeting Conference Call meeting minutes as amended. None opposed, motion carried.**

**There being no further business for discussion, the Board meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.**

**Minutes recorded by:**

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:**

Amanda Allen, Licensing Supervisor

**DR. PAUL AJAMIAN**

President

**AMANDA ALLEN**

Executive Director HC1

Minutes reviewed and approved **February 18, 2026**

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, **Dr. Paul Ajamian**, 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 Optometry**.
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 November 19, 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 §§§ 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:  
**Receive and review disciplinary/complaint files and reports; review applications; meet with applicants; receive the Attorney General's Report; and review Executive Session minutes.**

Further the affiant sayeth not.

with Express Permission  
Amanda Allen, Executive Director

Paul Ajamian  
(Presiding Officer)

Sworn and subscribed before me,

This 19 day of November 19 2025

Linsy Joiner  
Notary Public

