

**GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS**  
**Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 16, 2025 8:30 A.M.**

The Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians met via teleconference/Webex on Wednesday, July 16, 2025

**Board Members Present:**

Amy Stowers, Chair  
 Gloria Ethridge, Vice-Chair  
 Dave Meldrum  
 Glenn Morris  
 Angelic Moore, Consumer Member

**Administrative Staff Present:**

Amanda Allen, Executive Director  
 Jalaina Fuller, Licensing Supervisor  
 Ann Shiver, Licensing Analyst

**Board Members Absent:**

(VACANT – Disp Opt)

**AG’s Office Representative:**

Anna Scartz AAG

**Ms. Ethridge, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.**

**Agenda:** Approved with no additional items

**Meeting Minutes:**

- January 15, 2025 Board meeting
- April 09, 2025 Board Meeting \*No Quorum
- April 28, 2025 Board Meeting

**Recommendations:**

- Approve as presented
- Approve as presented
- Approve as presented

**Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the January 15, 2025 C.C. Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the April 9, 2025 C.C. Board meeting of no quorum as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Mr. Meldrum moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the April 28, 2025 C.C. Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Application Ratify List:** Issued Date: 04/09/2025 – 07/16/2025

License:	Contact
LDOA002664	Damond James Patrick
LDOA002675	Chad Nieko Derrell Brown
LDOA002663	Jennifer Ann Jackson
LDOA002660	Isaiah Kaison Ealey
LDOA002666	Elisa Bovee
LDOA002661	Tristan Marie Fuller
LDOA002667	Zechariah L Hagans
LDOA002669	Candiace April Schroeder
LDOA002668	Magen Marie Hogan
LDOA002673	Erika Gallegos
LDOA002662	Valencia Patrice Smith

LDOA002671	Chloe Elizabeth Lawson
LDOA002665	Maxine Joelle-Renee Robinson
LDOA002670	Judy Kim Ngo
LDOA002672	Lisa Louise Anderson
LDOA002674	Katelyn Nicole Rulon
LDOA002680	Fred Bedel Oro
LDOA002681	Dafne Arzate
LDOA002682	Ethan Slepian
LDOA002683	Monalibahen Samirkumar Patel
LDOA002684	Abigail Joy Puerta
LDOA002685	Jonathan Lee
LDOA002686	Genee Marie Thomson

LDOA002687	Lindsay Shea Mikesch
LDOA002688	Karen Alexis Nagel
LDOA002689	Christopher Simpson
LDO003070	Narissa K Gaither
LDO003077	Kelly M Einolf
LDO003072	Melissa G O'Brien
LDO003079	Susannah Lane Gregory
LDO003075	Aniki Fongbemi
LDO003082	Brandy Nicole Williams
LDO003083	Thomas Olin Mitchell
LDO003069	Suzanne B Luther
LDO003081	Amaya D Moore
LDO003084	Nelda Smith

LDO003073	Shannon Arlene Riley
LDO003085	James Orr
LDO003074	Zehor Ait Aider
LDO003078	Dhanwantie Rampersaud
LDO003068	Jason Manzie Wallace Wall
LDO003076	Rachel Allison Doyal
LDO003071	Amber Christine Borucki Monson
LDO003067	Miriam Butler
LDO003080	Brian Michael Lisi
LDO003087	Xiang Nicole Chisholm
LDO003088	Anas Asim
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>47</b>

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

**Board Rules Discussion:**

- 420-9-.01 Continuing Education – Tabled for discussion during Board Rules committee meeting to be scheduled. Once a final date has been established, the meeting will be posted on the Board's website for the public.

**Ms. Ethridge moved, Mr. Morris 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 16, 2025, Ms. Stowers 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: None**

**Cognizant/Enforcement Complaint Report:**

- **Recommend Closure:** DISP250002
- **Refer to Investigations:** DISP220005/DISP220006 (Companion Cases – Same R)

**Ms. Ethridge motioned, Ms. Stowers seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant Enforcement report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Renewal Issues:**

- R.P.
- K.I.
- A.J.
- A.P.

**Recommendation:**

- Refer to AG for public board order for CE violation; \$100 fine.
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- Approve renewal as discussed
- Approve renewal with LOC

**Ms. Ethridge motioned, Ms. Stowers seconded, and the Board voted to refer R.P. to the AG’s office for a Public Consent Order for failure to meet renewal CE requirements as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Ms. Ethridge motioned, Ms. Stowers seconded, and the Board voted to refer K.I. to the AG’s office for a Public Consent Order for failure to meet renewal CE requirements as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Ms. Ethridge motioned, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to accept the renewal recommendations of A.J. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Ms. Ethridge motioned, Mr. Meldrum seconded, and the Board voted to accept the renewal recommendations of A.P. 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.

- J.L. – Rescind Referral to AG’s office; Administratively lapse license

**Ms. Ethridge motioned, Ms. Moore seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the referral of J.L. to the AG’s office and administratively lapse license as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Ms. Ethridge 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:**

- January 15, 2025, 2024 CC Board Meeting

**Recommendation:**

Approve as presented.

**Ms. Ethridge motioned, Ms. Stowers and the Board voted to approve the January 15, 2025 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 9:56 a.m.**

Minute recorded by:

Jalaina Fuller, Licensing Supervisor

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Amanda Allen, Executive Director

**AMY STOWERS**

Chair

**AMANDA ALLEN**

Executive Director, HC1

Meeting minutes were approved **October 15, 2025**

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, **Amy Stowers** 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 16, 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:

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

Amy Stowers

(Presiding Officer)

Sworn and subscribed before me,

This 16 day of July 2025

Linsey Joiner  
Notary Public

