

GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2025 9:00 A.M.

The Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians met via teleconference/Webex on Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Board Members Present:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Dave Meldrum
 (VACANT – Disp Opt)

AG’s Office Representative:

Vanessa Alva, AAG

Visitors Present:

Brian Diener, OTI

Ms. Ethridge, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with no additional items

Meeting Minutes:

- July 16, 2025 Board Meeting

Recommendations:

Approve as presented

Mr. Morris moved, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the July 16, 2025 C.C. Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: 07-16-2025 - 11-3-2025

License Number	Licensee
LDO003089	Kirra L Perry
LDO003090	Jeremiah McKinley Cook
LDO003091	Elmer Ibarra
LDO003092	Tiffany Lauren LeBoeuf
LDO003093	Heather Dawn Lewis
LDO003094	Adeline Hope Hancock
LDO003095	Hayat Ahmed
LDO003096	Mckenzie Estelle Tyssen
LDO003097	Danielle L Scott
LDO003098	Jessica Sarah Chavez
LDO003099	Dorlisa Lewis
LDO003100	Ralph Cesar
LDO003101	Cody Kartanowicz
LDO003102	Gabriella Nicole Colon
LDO003103	Sable C Gibson Badejo

LDO003104	Brooklyn Leigh Miller
LDO003105	Yuriria Diaz
LDO003106	Youkelin Vasquez
LDO003107	Steven Daniel Rowe
LDO003108	Arwen Lee Evans
LDO003109	Lisa Michelle Rowe
LDOA002690	Martha Kathryn Elizabeth Busher
LDOA002691	Emily N Church
LDOA002692	ANASTASIA SKULSKAYA
LDOA002693	Natalya Alana Archbold
LDOA002694	Sara Ester Lazo
LDOA002695	Bonnie Lorette Robinson
LDOA002696	Georgia A Watkins
LDOA002697	Janice Babin
LDOA002698	Madison Kimberly Smith
LDOA002699	Kayla Sharpe
LDOA002700	laura craig
LDOA002701	Janee' Chantel Butler
LDOA002702	Jasmine Clark
LDOA002703	Ryan Jay-Anthony Ingram
LDOA002704	Evelyn Rae Moya
LDOA002705	Caerie Makenna Wade
LDOA002706	mariana isa flores
LDOA002707	Rashmi K aradhya
LDOA002708	David Christopher Chapman
LDOA002709	Mary Beth Hines-Castleberry
LDOA002710	Katie Kirkpatrick
LDOA002711	Amber Telenta
LDOA002712	Katherine Ann Grimes
LDOA002713	Chloe Taylor
LDOA002714	Sanethia Worthem
LDOA002715	Llosani Diaz
LDOA002716	Dedric William Campbell
LDOA002717	Wesley Wayne Bryant
LDOA002718	Luz Eneida Crowder
LDOA002719	Wesley Anderson Maddox Jr
TOTAL:	51

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

CE Provider Requests:

- CEDO 2026
- Costco 2025 Optical Managers Conference (7 courses)
- Optical Training Institute (61 courses)

Recommendation:

- Approve 30 CE hours
- Approve 9 CE hours
- Approve 125 CE hours

Ms. Ethridge motioned, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to approve the CE Provider application request for CEDO 2026 as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris motioned, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to approve the CE Provider application approval request for Costco 2025 Optical Managers Conference as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris motioned, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to approve the CE Provider application approval request for Optical Training Institute as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Rules Discussion:

- 420-5-.01 Application and Examination Requirements
- 420-8-.01 Practical Training Experience
- 420-9-.01 Continuing Education

Ms. Ethridge moved, Mr Morris seconded, and the Board voted to refer Board Rule 420-5-.01 Application and Examination Requirements to the AG’s office for a Memo of Statutory Authority and to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days for public view, with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for the next available date. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Ethridge moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to refer Board Rule 420-8-.01 Practical Training Experience to the AG’s office for a Memo of Statutory Authority and to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days for public view, with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for the next available date. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Ethridge moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to refer Board Rule 420-9-.01 Continuing Education to the AG’s office for a Memo of Statutory Authority and to post the proposed rule amendments for the minimum thirty days for public view, with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for the next available date. None opposed, motion carried.

2026 Board Meeting Dates: *All meetings will be conducted via WEBEX beginning at 9:00 A.M.*

- January 14, 2026
- April 15, 2026
- July 15, 2026
- October 14, 2026

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, and Moore.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, November 5, 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:** DISP250004
- **Pending Receipt of Additional:** DISP250005

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

Attorney General's Report:

Ms. Vanessa Alva, AAG, provided a status and activity report to the Board for review and discussion.

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

Renewal Issues:

- K.I.

Recommendation:

Rescind Referral; Approve Renewal

Mr. Morris motioned, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to rescind the previous referral of K.I. to the AG's office for a Public Consent as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris motioned, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to accept and approve the renewal application recommendation of K.I. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

- July 16, 2025 CC Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented.

Mr. Morris motioned, Ms. Moore and the Board voted to approve the July 16, 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 10:17 a.m.

Minute recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Amanda Allen, Executive Director

AMY STOWERS

Chair

AMANDA ALLEN

Executive Director, HC1

Meeting minutes were approved on **January 14, 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 an 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 November 5, 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

Amy Stowers

(Presiding Officer)

with Express Permission
Amanda Allen, Executive Director

Sworn and subscribed before me,

This 5 day of November 2025

Linsey Joiner

Notary Public

