

**GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**  
**Board Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2026 \* 10:00 a.m.**  
**Conference Call/Webex**

The Georgia State Board of Optometry met via teleconference/Webex on Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

**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**

Thomas McNulty, 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:

- **Final Renewal Issue**
  - P.A.
- **2026 Board Meeting Dates Amendment**
  - The original May 13, 2026 Board meeting date will be changed to May 20, 2026
- **Board Rule 430-5-.01 Treatment Plans, Eye Exams & Patient Records.**
  - Following today’s scheduled meeting, Executive Director, Amanda Allen will provide the Rules Committee members with a list of available dates for scheduling of the next committee meeting. Upon finalization of the meeting date, notice of the meeting will be posted on the Board’s website for public access and review.

**Meeting Minutes:**

- November 19, 2025 CC Board Meeting

**Recommendation:**

Approve as amended

**Dr. Hackleman moved, Dr. McCullough seconded, and the Board voted to approve the November 19, 2025 Conference Call Board meeting minutes as amended. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Application Ratify List:** Licenses Issued between: (November 18, 2025 – February 17, 2026)

License	Contact
OPT003706	Austin Dias
OPT003707	Thao Ngo
OPT003708	Crystal Chan
OPT003709	Kaitlin Haywood
OPT003710	Toan Minh Trinh
OPT003711	Jane Purdy
OPT003715	David Gomez
OPT003712	Anita Saxena
OPT003713	Brett-Ashley Palmer
OPT003714	Jay Michael Johnson
OPT003716	Miae Kwon

OPT003717	Mansi Shah
OPT003718	Thuy N Nguyen
OPT003719	Greyson Ramos
OPT003720	Mark Williams
OPT003721	Kevin Pierre
OPT003722	Radhika Hiten Patel
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>17</b>

**Dr. Perrine moved, Dr. Hackleman seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application ratify list as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Dr. McCullough moved, Dr. 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, February 18, 2026, 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*

**Cognizant Report:**

- ❖ **Recommend Closure:** OPT260010
- ❖ **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, OPT260009

**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:**

Thomas McNulty, 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. Perrine moved, Dr. Hackleman seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Assistant Attorney General’s report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Board Rules Discussion:**

- 430-5-.02 Contents of Prescriptions for Contact Lenses and Spectacles – Vote to accept the Attorney General’s Memorandum of Authority and post the proposed rule for the required minimum thirty-day for public review and comment, with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for May 20, 2026 @ 10:15 a.m.

**Dr. McCullough moved, Dr. Hackleman seconded, and the Board voted to post Board Rule 430-5-.02 for the minimum thirty days for public view, with a public rule hearing to be scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2026 @ 10:15 a.m. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Executive Misc. Discussion Items:**

- 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).
  - If a licensee initially selects “No” on the renewal application, “Do you intend to dispense drugs as defined in Article 2 of Chapter 13 of Title 16?”, then changes their mind following renewal submission, the licensee must then notify the Board promptly with submission of a signed and notarized letter outlining their intention to dispense. Notarized statement must include the assigned DEA no.
- **EPI-On Corneal Cross-Linking – Dr. Perrine**
  - Following discussion, the Board voted to refer the matter of EPI-On Corneal Cross-linking to the AG’s office for an official memorandum of advice to determine if it’s outlined in the Boards current practice act.

**Dr. Perrine moved, Dr. Hackleman seconded, and the Board voted to refer the matter of EPI Corneal Cross-Linking to the AG’s office for an official memorandum of advice as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Final Renewal Issue:**

- P.A.

**Recommendation:**

Approve Renewal

**Dr. Hackleman moved, Dr. Perrine seconded, and the Board voted to approve the license renewal for P.A. as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Executive Session Minutes:**

- November 19, 2025 CC Board Meeting

**Recommendation:**

Approve as amended

**Dr. Fitzgerald moved, Dr. McCullough seconded, and the Board voted to approve the November 19, 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 11:45 a.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 **May 20, 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 February 19, 2020 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 18 day of February 2020  
Linsley Joiner  
Notary Public

