

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF HEARING AID DEALERS & DISPENSERS
Conf. Call Board Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2026 * 8:30 AM

The Georgia State Board of Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers met via teleconference on Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

Board Members Present:

Jason Murphy, Vice-Chair
Sandi Darby-Bowling, HA Dispenser
Kadyn Ochs-Williams, Audiologist
William L. ("Bill") Herndon, Consumer Member

Members Absent:

Ralph T. Jackson, Jr., Chair
Dr. Donald N. Cote, M.D; ABO Board Certified
Gwendolyn Cantrell, HA Dispenser

Attorney General's Office:

Kareem McCulley, AAG

Administrative Staff Present:

Amanda Allen, Executive Director
Jalaina Fuller, Licensing Supervisor
Kathy Jones, Licensing Analyst
Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Mr. Murphy, Chair, established that a quorum was present and called the Board meeting to order at 8:36 a.m.

Agenda: Approved with no late agenda items

Meeting Minutes:

- December 16, 2025 Board Meeting
- January 27, 2026 Applicant Interview

Recommendation:

Approve as presented
Approve as presented

Mr. Herndon moved, Ms. Ochs-Williams seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 16, 2025 C.C. Meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Herndon moved, Ms. Ochs-Williams seconded, and the Board voted to approve the January 27, 2026 C.C. Applicant Interview meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application Ratify List: Issued Date: December 15, 2025 to March 16, 2026

License	Contact
HAA000288	Brooke MacDonald Joiner
HAA000290	Sharitza Quinde Munoz
HAA000291	Teresa Ann Lease
HAA000292	Brett M Benis
HAA000293	Justin Micheal Culp
HAA000294	Rashell Nevada Tanner
HAA000295	Joseph Brown
HAA000297	Ellen Amelia Helms
HAA000298	Cooper Weber
HAA000299	Kelsey Grace Chubb
HADE111011	Robert Scott Willis
HADE111012	Valerie Dougherty
HADE111013	Valerie Dougherty

HADE111014	Valerie Dougherty
HADS001171	Brittany L Weathers
HADS001172	Patrick Ryan Duncan
HADS001173	Carlene Dell
HADS001174	Mary Elizabeth McClain
HADS001175	Timothy William Murphy
HADS001176	Justin Lovon Blake
HADS001177	Janet Marie Kahley
HADS001178	Cheryl Marie Ward
HADS001179	Reihaneh Asadi
HADS001180	Julianna Cobia Temple-Roberts
HADS001181	Marcus Kaleb Smith
HADS001182	Mirko Pandini
HADS001183	Jody Scott Smith

HADS001184	Kathrin Weitzel
HADS001185	Alora Barden
HADS001186	Mark Wayne Slegl
HADS001187	Judith Christine Daniels
HADS001188	Meghan Samantha Fisher
HAP000518	Cooper Allison Saussy

HAP000519	Cynthia Smith
HAP000520	Devin T Renfro
HAP000521	Kaley Kroschel
HAP000522	Kaitlin Arielle Fournie
HAP000523	Cheyenne Avalene Byrd
TOTAL:	38

Ms. Darby-Bowling moved, Ms. Ochs-Wiliams seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application ratify list of licenses issued between meetings as presented. None opposed, one recusal, motion carried.

Ms. Darby-Bowling moved, Ms. Ochs-Wiliams seconded, and the Board voted to enter Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), for the purpose of reviewing applications, the previous meetings Executive session minutes to conduct an applicant interview, receive the Assistant Attorney General and Cognizant (Complaints) Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Murphy, Ochs-Williams, Herndon and Darby-Bowling.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, Mr. Murphy declared the meeting to be “open” 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 (Complaints) Report:

- **Pending Receipt of Additional Information:** HA260006

Assistant Attorney General Report:

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

- A.O.H.C - HB1254 – Following discussion of HB1254 – Initial Board Decision Stands

Ms. Darby-Bowling moved, Mr. Hendon seconded, and the Board voted that the initial Board decision for the fine amount for A.O.H.C. stands as originally presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Ochs-Williams moved, Mr. Herndon seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General’s Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Session Minutes:

- December 16, 2025 Board Meeting
- January 27, 2026 Applicant Interview

Recommendation:

- Approve as presented
- Approve as presented

Mr. Herndon moved, Ms. Darby-Bowling seconded, and the Board voted to approve the December 16, 2025 Executive Session Board meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Herndon moved, Ms. Darby-Bowling seconded, and the Board voted to approve the January 27, 2026 Executive Session Applicant Interview Committee minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Herndon moved, Ms. Ochs-Williams seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 a.m. None opposed, motion carried.

Minutes recorded by:

Linsey Joiner, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Amanda Allen, Executive Director

JASON MURPHY

Vice-Chair

AMANDA ALLEN

Executive Director, HC-1

Minutes approved: **June 23, 2026**

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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.50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question:

Comes now **Ralph Jackson**, 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 Hearing Aid Dealers and Dispensers.
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 March 17, 2026 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 O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h).
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 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

PRESIDING OFFICER Ralph Jackson

with Express Permission
Amanda Allen, Executive Director

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 17 day of MARCH, 2026

Linsey Joiner
Notary Public,
My commission expires:

