

GEORGIA BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS
Conference Call/ZOOM Board Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2026 9:00 A.M.

The Georgia Board of Dispensing Opticians met via teleconference/Webex on Wednesday, January 14, 2026

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. Stowers, 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:

- October 15, 2025 Board Meeting *No Quorum
- October 29, 2025 Rules Cmte Meeting
- November 5, 2025 Board Meeting

Recommendations:

Approve as presented
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Mr. Morris moved, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the October 15, 2025 C.C. Board meeting of no quorum as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris moved, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the October 29, 2025 C.C. Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Morris moved, Ms. Ethridge seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the November 5, 2025 C.C. Board meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

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

License	Contact
LDO003110	Cody Scott Kral
LDO003111	Erica Renae Gaskins
LDO003112	Monalibahen Samirkumar Patel
LDO003113	Ivan Francisco Reyes Rodriguez
LDO003114	Anna Lynn Wright
LDO003115	Ryan Auzell Lasker
LDO003116	Angela Albanese
LDO003117	Kaelin Isabella Bagwell
LDOA002720	Catrice Karletta Bibbs

LDOA002721	Austin Maddox
LDOA002722	Stephanie Stampfli
LDOA002723	Arlette Velazquez
LDOA002724	Rhonda Michelle Jackson
LDOA002725	Te'Anna Denise Dasher
LDOA002726	Kasey Cofield
LDOA002727	Nia S Holmes
LDOA002728	Vayda Nikasha Snow Brown
LDOA002729	Aminah Emilia Amer
LDOA002730	Savannah Marie McGrath
LDOA002731	Jethon T Gourdine
LDOA002732	Margaret Kotson
LDOA002733	Amber Arch Delpino
LDOA002734	Hannah Leigh-Anne Townsend
LDOA002735	vincent bee vang
LDOA002736	Dawson Foreman
LDOA002737	Jameshia Fayon Grady
TOTAL	26

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.

CE Provider Requests:

- SECO 2026

Recommendation:

Approve

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

Ms. Ethridge moved, Ms. Moore 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, January 14, 2026, 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.

Educational Program Review:

- CSSO National Guidelines for Apprenticeship – *The Board welcomes the CSSO committee to attend the April 15, 2026 Dispensing Opticians Board meeting to present additional guidance and program information for the Board’s consideration.*

Applications: None

Cognizant/Enforcement Complaint Report: No available updates at this time

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.

Executive Session Minutes:

- November 5, 2025 CC Board Meeting

Recommendation:

Approve as presented.

Ms. Ethridge motioned, Ms. Moore and the Board voted to approve the November 5, 2025, Conference Call Board Meeting Executive Session minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

CE Broker – License Renewal Requirements:

As of January 1, 2026, all Dispensing Opticians licensed to practice in the state of Georgia will be required to:

- Register and report their continuing education coursework and submit proof of completion of continuing education experiences into [CE Broker®](#); and,
- Beginning January 1, 2026 and thereafter to record all continuing education taken to satisfy licensure and renewal requirements within their [CE Broker®](#) account which will be accessible by the Board and its designees.
- In light of this new requirement, licensees will need to create, at a minimum, a no cost, basic limited access account in [CE Broker®](#) and begin recording any completed continuing education activities. Licensee's are strongly encouraged to load all CE course activities and certificates before you apply to renew and as you take and receive them. The board will use its authority to audit the continuing education. If you do not enter all of the required hours in CE Broker®, there is a high probability that you will be audited and the Board will take action as necessary in accordance with the law and rules.
- Step-by-Step instructions for submitting hours in CE Broker can be viewed directly on the Board's website.

Ms. Ethridge moved, Mr. Morris seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 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 **April 15, 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 JANUARY 14, 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 §§§ 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 14 day of January 2026

Linsey Joiner
Notary Public

