

## The Georgia Behavior Analyst Licensing Board

Description: The Georgia Behavior Analyst Licensing Board shall be composed of five members appointed by the Governor.

- **Three members each of whom are either a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) or a Board Certified Behavior Analyst-Doctoral (BCBA-D)** and who are eligible for licensure under this chapter.
- **One member who is a Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst (BCaBA)** who is eligible for licensure under this chapter.
- **One public member** who: (i) Is not a licensed behavior analyst or a licensed assistant behavior analyst or the spouse of such person; (ii) Has never been in the practice of applied behavior analysis or the spouse of such person; and (iii) Does not have and has never had a material interest in the practice of applied behavior analysis.
- Members shall serve **three-year terms** and until their successors are duly appointed and qualified; provided, however, that initial terms shall be staggered so that one member serves an initial term of one year, two members serve initial terms of two years, and two members serve initial terms of three years, as designated by the Governor.
- No member shall be appointed to more than two consecutive three-year terms.
- A vacancy on the board for any reason other than expiration of the term shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by appointment of the Governor.
- Members of the board shall receive the expense allowance as provided by subsection (b) of Code Section 45-7-21 and the same mileage allowance for the use of a personal car as that received by other state officials and employees or a travel allowance 22 HB 412/AP H. B. 412 - 5 - 90 of actual transportation cost if traveling by public carrier within this state for attendance at board meetings.
- The board shall meet at **least twice annually and may meet at such other times as necessary**, at the call of the chair or by a majority of the members, as necessary to transact its business. Such meetings may be conducted in-person, by telephone, by virtual means, or any combination thereof.

### Tentative board formation process:

- Application (available September - November, 15 2022)
  - Application rubric to be utilized to narrow list for interviews
- Invited interview
  - Week of November 28
  - with leaders of other state and national organizations (voting), GABA licensure committee member(s) (non-voting)
  - Interview rubric to be utilized
- Board short list submitted to Governor (December 2022)
  - 10-12 names given to the Governor
- Board selected (Spring 2023)
- Begin work (July 2023)

### Required qualifications:

- Primarily reside and practice in Georgia
- Certified for a minimum of 3 years (for BCBA/BCBA-D positions)
- In good standing with the BACB (for BCBA/BCBA-D/BCaBA positions)
- In good standing with other professional licensure boards (if applicable)
- Current and/or recent applied experience (for BCBA/BCBA-D/BCaBA positions)
- Willingness to commit monthly time to the Licensing Board and Board responsibilities
- Familiarity with HB 412
- Eligible and agree to pursue Georgia license for behavior analysts as soon as feasible in the state of Georgia (for BCBA/BCBA-D/BCaBA positions)
- Independent and self motivated
- Basic understanding of Georgia legislation process

### Preferred qualifications:

- Certified for a minimum of 5+ years (for BCBA/BCBA-D positions)
- Experience with public policy in Georgia or another state
- Experienced understanding of Georgia legislation process

### About the role:

- Serve as a volunteer board member to:
  1. For the inaugural board, form rules and regulations related to HB 412, develop Licensing Board handbook and initial requirements, work closely with the Georgia Association for Behavior Analysis (GABA) board, the GABA lobbyist, and other leaders in the state on amendments, changes to the law, advocacy for practitioners, and recipients of behavior analytic services
  2. Participate in written revisions to rules and regulations, wording changes and developing fine-tuned bill revisions
  3. Communicate with leaders in the field and in other states for guidance on board changes, responsibilities, and law revisions
  4. Attend board meetings
  5. Review complaints for Licensed Behavior Analysts
  6. Approve and review licenses for behavior analysts
  7. Only speak/write on licensure matters with board approval and in official forums

### Monthly Responsibilities:

- The time commitment for meetings, written revisions, rule development is thought to be between **4-8 hours per month** during the first year on the board per conversations with other state licensure boards.
- Meet with the board, state, and national officials
- Propose and revise rules and regulations

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