

GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
May 19, 2008

A conference call for the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy was held on May 19, 2008 at 02:00 p.m., at the Professional Licensing Boards Division offices located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following members were present:

Jane H. Johnson, Chair
Kathy V. Lescak, Vice-Chair
Melony Phillips, Cognizant
Marlene Gaskill, Consumer Member
Steve Earles

Absent:

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Amanda Allen, Board Secretary

Absent:

Attorney General's Office Representative Present

Janet Jackson, AAG

Agenda:

Mr. Earles moved, Ms. Gaskill seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Phillips moved and Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2) to receive and review information pertaining to Applications. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Phillips, Earles, Lescak, Gaskill and Johnson. The Board concluded Executive Session in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

Massage Therapy School Report:

Ms. Phillips made her recommendations on the approval of the following Massage Therapy Schools as Board Recognized Massage Therapy Educational Programs.

Advanced Massage Therapeutics, Louisville, KY
Arizona School of Massage Therapy, Tempe, AZ location only
Birmingham School of Massage Therapy, Birmingham, AL
Denver School of Massage Therapy (both locations) Colorado
Florida Community College, Jacksonville, FL
The Massage Institute of Cleveland, Cleveland, TN
Nevada School of Massage Therapy, Las Vegas, NV
The Scherer Institute of Natural Healing, Santa Fe, NM
Utah College of Massage Therapy, Lindon, UT

The Board voted to approve the following schools “pending” the receipt of additional information.

Denton Massage School, LLC, Arlington, WA.
National University of Health Science, Lombard, IL.
Sunset College of the Healing Arts, Los Angeles, CA.
Shi Medical Massage & Traditional Chinese Acupuncture School, Lebanon, OH.
American Traditional School for Continuing Medical Professions, West New York, NJ

In addition, the Board discussed concerns regarding a massage therapy education program, whose program has not been recognized by the Board to date, yet which continues to enroll students. Without Board recognition, the facility’s massage therapy education program will not be recognized by the Board as meeting or exceeding their minimum requirements set forth in Board Chapter 345-8, and thus the students will not meet the Board’s educational requirements.

Ms. Lescak moved, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted for Ms. Phillips, to draft a letter to send to the school(s) and the accrediting body for the school(s) informing them of the Board’s requirements, as well as, their concerns over the lack of cooperation being shown by the schools. Copy of the letter will also be forwarded to the Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission. None Opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Lescak moved, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Massage Therapy School Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Application for Licensure:

U.T. - Ms. Phillips moved, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to deny the Application for Licensure. None opposed, motion carried.

Additional Business:

Ms. Lecak moved, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to set the additional meeting dates of June 19th, in addition to the established scheduled meeting dates as posted. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the conference call adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Amanda Allen, Board Secretary
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Jane H. Johnson, Chair
Georgia State Board of Massage Therapy

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Professional Licensing Boards Division

These minutes were approved and signed on: _____