

GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
June 10, 2008

A conference call for the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy was held on June 10, 2008 at 01:00 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
Serena Gadson, Application Specialist II
Amanda Allen, Board Secretary

Absent:

Attorney General's Office Representative Present:

Janet Jackson, AAG

Agenda:

Mr. Earles moved, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda with late items added. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Lescak moved and Ms. Gaskill seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2 (k) (4) to receive and review information pertaining to Applications and to receive the Cognizant Report. 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.

Applications for Licensure:

Licensure by Application: Post July 1, 2007

Mr. Earles moved, and Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on non-grandfathering application for licensure. None opposed, motion carried.

Y.F.O. Deny licensure; Board does not recognize massage therapy program as a Board recognized program.

Mr. Earles moved, and Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on non-grandfathering application for licensure. None opposed, motion carried.

A.K.C. Pending; submit a Petition for Variance or Waiver Request form with regard to Board Rules pertaining to Board recognized massage therapy education programs.

Ms. Lescak moved, and Ms. Gaskill seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on non-grandfathering applications for licensure. None opposed, motion carried.

Gaspard, Varnithe Approved for licensure under current Georgia Law 43-24A-13 (4b)

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 “pending” the receipt of additional information.

- Alpha Institute of the Treasure Coast, Inc.
- Beauty & Massage Institute of Vero Beach

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

Voluntary Surrender of Licensure

David Troup

Mr. Earles moved, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to accept the voluntary surrender of licensure. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Policy: Voluntary Surrender of Licensure Orders Effective Upon Docketing

It is the policy of the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy to accept all Voluntary Surrender of Licensure orders upon receipt in the Board office, and, in addition, to authorize the Board Chairperson or his/her designee to authorize the Order(s) to be docketed. It is the intent of the Board that the orders will be in effect upon docketing. The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy will ratify the docketed Voluntary Surrender orders at its next meeting after the date of docketing and include a list of the approved orders in the Board’s meeting minutes.

Ms. Phillips moved, Ms. Lescak seconded and the Board voted to approve the Voluntary Surrender of Licensure Policy as listed above. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant Report:

Complaint # 33332- Signed C & D presented:

- **Ms. Gaskill moved, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to accept the signed Cease and Desist order(s). Case 33332 to be closed in Investigations.**

Complaint # 34649- Case forwarded to investigations for processing.

Complaint # 34808- Case forwarded to investigations for processing.

Complaint # 34857- Case forwarded to investigations for processing.

Complaint # 31503- Signed Voluntary Surrender presented.

- **Mr. Earles moved, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to accept the signed Voluntary Surrender order. Case 31503 to be closed in Investigations.**

Ms. Gaskill moved, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Cognizant recommendations as presented during executive session. None opposed, motion carried.

Additional Business:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the conference call adjourned at 2:03 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: _____