

GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
July 15, 2008

A conference call for the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy was held on July 15, 2008 at 02:30 p.m., at the Professional Licensing Boards Division offices located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following members were present:

Jane H. Johnson, Chairman
Kathy V. Lescak, Vice Chairman
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 with late items added. None opposed, motion carried.

Board Policy: Recognition of Out of State "Massage Therapy Educational Programs"

For those applications for licensure as a massage therapist in Georgia, received on or after July 01, 2007, the massage therapy education programs in states outside of Georgia's borders must have an assigned school code from the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB), meet the Board's curriculum requirements set forth in Board Rule 345-8-.01, and meet one of the following:

- The massage therapy education program is recognized or approved by that state's Board of Massage Therapy, or other licensing or regulatory Board or Authority; or
- The massage therapy education program is recognized or approved by that state's Board of Education or a recognized equivalent; or
- The massage therapy education program is recognized or approved by that state's Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission or a recognized equivalent.

Finally, the Board reserves the right to request additional information as it deems necessary.

The Board voted to view all pending application files in accordance to the above policy.

Mr. Earles moved, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to approve the policy recognizing out of state Massage Therapy School Educational Programs, as stated above. None opposed, motion carried.

Formulation of Board Committees'

Ms. Lescak moved, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to develop committees to help expedite the conducting of Board business. None opposed, motion carried.

- Rules Committee: Ms. Jane Johnson and Ms. Kathy Lescak will serve as the standing Rules Committee. The committee will meet every other month in order to begin the review of current rules and the drafting of new, proposed rules and policies. Ms. Melony Phillips stated she would assist the committee in the absence of Ms. Johnson or Ms. Lescak.
- Continuing Education (CE) Audit Committee: Mr. Steve Earles, Ms. Melony Phillips, and Ms. Jane Johnson will serve on the special Continuing Education Audit Committee. The committee will meet to review submitted CE hours verifications/documentation materials presented by the licensees' randomly selected for a CE audit during this initial renewal period. Ms. Kathy Lescak stated she would assist the committee in the absence of either nominated member.
- Application Review Committee: Ms. Jane Johnson and Ms. Kathy Lescak will serve as the Application Review Committee. The committee will meet in between the scheduled Board meetings to review all pending applications for licensure. Full recommendations will be made to the Board during their scheduled Board meetings or teleconferences.

Ms. Marlene Gaskill, Consumer Member, stated that she would be available to assist on any committee in the absence of the appointed committee members.

Ms. Phillips 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) 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.

Applications:

Pre July 1, 2007 ("Grandfathering") Applicant:

Ms. Gaskill moved, and Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure by official transcripts: None opposed, motion carried.

Melanie Ginoba

Approved

Massage Therapy School Report:

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

- Denton School of Massage, LLC, Arlington, WA.

Ms. Phillips made recommendations on the denial of the following Massage Therapy Schools as a Board Recognized Massage Therapy Programs.

- U.S.A. P.C.C. – Denied. School does not meet the Board’s requirements based on Rule 345-8-.01 Curriculum Requirements.

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

Additional Business:

Board set an additional meeting date of September 04, 2008, in addition, to the already established meeting dates.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the conference call adjourned at 3:48 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: _____