

**GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
October 23, 2008**

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy board meeting was held on October 23, 2008 10:00 a.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
Steve Earles

Absent:

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, Serena Gadson, Licensure Supervisor, Yvonne LeSane, Licensure Analyst and Amanda Allen, Board Secretary

Ms. Johnson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Agenda:

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

Announcements:

No Announcements

Correspondence:

Correspondence received between scheduled Board meetings were reviewed, discussed and responses provided to the following individuals by the Administrative Staff:

- Kathryn Woodford
- Marcia Sanders
- Linda Stephenson
- Rita Guilfoil

Ms. Lescak moved, Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted for the administrative staff to respond to all correspondence presented to the Board as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

Gavris, Christina	Approved for licensure
S.G.	Denied
T.H.	Approved Pending
Henderson, Scott	Approved for licensure
A.J.	Approved Pending
Kirk, Samantha	Approved for licensure
LeConte, Jean-Edward	Approved for licensure
S.O.	Approved Pending
K.P.	Approved Pending
M.R.	Approved Pending
Reach, Ronald	Approved for licensure
H.S.	Approved Pending
Thornberry, Katherine	Approved for licensure
Turner, Mary	Approved for licensure

Licensure by Endorsement:

Ms. Phillips moved and Ms. Lescak seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applications for licensure:

S.M. Pending

Mr. Earles moved and Ms. Phillips seconded and the Board voted to deny the petition for variance or waiver of Board Rule 345-3-.02-2 (e) – graduation from a recognized massage program.

P.D. Denied; petition for waiver denied by Board

Probation Report:

- Fabian Eccardi – In compliance with Board orders. **Ms. Lescak moved, Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to release licensee from probationary status.**
- Meredith Barnhart- In compliance with Board orders. **Ms. Lescak moved, Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to release licensee from probationary status.**
- T.J. – Non-compliance with Board orders.

Ms. Lescak moved, Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Probation Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Cognizant Report:

Complaint # 37131- Referred Investigations
 Complaint # 36704- Referred to Investigations
 Complaint # 37046 – Referred to Investigations

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

Enforcement Report:

Complaint # 29436- Case closed.
Complaint # 33327 – Case closed. Signed Voluntary Cease and Desist Order accepted.
Complaint # 33424 – Case closed. Signed Voluntary Cease and Desist Orders accepted.
Complaint # 35443 – Case Closed. Signed Voluntary Cease and Desist Order accepted.
Complaint # 36833 – Case referred to the Assistant Attorney General’s Office.

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

Additional Business Discussed:

Mr. Earles agreed to take over as the Educational Cognizant Advisor.

There being no additional business to discuss, Ms. Phillips moved, Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today’s meeting at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist
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: _____