

**GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
June 26, 2009**

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy board meeting was held Friday, June 26, 2009, 9:00 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
Melony Phillips, Cognizant
Steve Earles

Absent:

Kathy Lescak, Vice Chairman

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Serena Gadson, Licensure Supervisor
Yvonne LeSane, Licensure Analyst
Dianne Patterson, Administrative Assistant
Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist

Administrative Staff Absent:

Assistant Attorney General (via video conference)

Janet Jackson, Assistant Attorney General

Guest Attendees:

Mary Beth Cleveland, Everest Institute
Stan Dawson, Academy of Somatic Healing Arts
Matt Keels, Augusta School of Massage

Ms. Johnson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Agenda:

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

Public Rule Hearing:

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY RULES, CHAPTER 345-4, RULES 345-4-.01 LICENSE RENEWAL, 345-4-.04 INACTIVE STATUS AND 345-4-.05 REINSTATEMENT OF A LICENSE

PURPOSE: The purpose of the proposed amendment is to (1) change the late renewal period, (2) to clarify Inactive Status and set guidelines and (3) clarify requirements for reinstatement and remove unnecessary previous requirements.

MAIN FEATURES: The main feature of the proposed amendments is to (1) provide a one month late renewal period versus the previously allowed three months, (2) to clarify and update

the requirements and guidelines for Inactive Status requests and (3) to clarify rule language and remove unnecessary requirements.

THE PROPOSED CHAPTER TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY RULES, CHAPTER 345-4, RULES 345-4-.01 LICENSE RENEWAL, 345-4-.04 INACTIVE STATUS AND 345-4-.05 REINSTATEMENT OF A LICENSE

NOTE: Underlined text is proposed to be added; lined through text is proposed to be deleted.

345-4-.01 License Renewal. Amended.

- (1) Licenses issued by the Board shall expire on October 31st of every even numbered year.
- (2) Each person holding a valid license to practice massage therapy who does not renew said license by October 31st of every even numbered year shall be afforded a late renewal for a period of ~~ninety (90)~~ thirty (30) days. Late renewals shall be processed after filing the renewal form, payment of the renewal fee and late renewal penalty fee, and, providing proof of the required twenty-four (24) hours of continuing education. Individuals **must not practice** as a massage therapist during this late renewal period until the board grants the renewal. Practice without a current, active license in Georgia is prohibited.
- (3) Any service member as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-1-31 whose license to practice Massage Therapy expired while serving on active duty outside the state shall be permitted to practice massage therapy, shall not be charged with a violation relating to such practice on an expired license for a period of six (6) months from the date of his or her discharge from active duty or reassignment to a location within the state. Any such service member shall be entitled to renew such expired license without penalty within six (6) months after the date of his/her discharge from active duty or reassignment to a location within the state. The service member must present to the board a copy of the official military orders or a written verification signed by the service member's commanding officer to waive any charges.
- (4) Following the late renewal time period, all non-renewed licenses will be revoked by operation of law for non-renewal, and will require reinstatement at the discretion of the Board.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-1-31, 43-24A-7, 43-24A-8, 43-24A-10, 43-24A-14, and 43-24A-20.

345-4-.04 Inactive Status. Amended.

- (1) Licensees may request ~~in writing~~ by application only to the Board that their active license to practice as a massage therapist in Georgia be placed on inactive status prior to the license expiration date. Applications for Inactive Status request will not be considered if postmarked on or after November 1st of every Even numbered year. There is no fee to apply for inactive status.
- (2) An individual whose license status is inactive shall not practice as a massage therapist within the state of Georgia.
- (3) An individual whose license is under any sanction may not transfer to inactive status while the sanctions are in effect.

(4) Licensees shall request in writing to the Board for the reinstatement of their massage therapy license. Reinstatement of an inactive status license is within the discretion of the Board. The following requirements must be met:

~~(a) submission of an application provided by the Board including any applicable fee(s);~~

~~(b) submission of evidence of twenty-four (24) hours of Board approved continuing education within one (1) year of the date of the reinstatement application.~~

(a) An applicant for reinstatement of an inactive status license must submit a completed application provided by the board, payment of the required fee and evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

1. is at least 18 years of age; and

2. has a high school diploma, GED, or recognized equivalent; and

3. is a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident of the United States, and

(b) in addition, the following:

i. photograph of the applicant. Only a passport type (3"X 3") photo taken within the past twelve months will be accepted; and

ii. authorization to perform a criminal background check; and

iii. submission of evidence of twenty-four (24) hours of Board approved continuing education, in accordance with Board rule 345-4-.02, obtained within one (1) year of the date of the reinstatement application; and

iv. If applicable, verification of current massage therapist licensure, in good standing, from another jurisdiction, state, territory of the United States, or foreign country submitted directly to the Board from the issuing state regulatory and/or licensing board ; or

(e) If applicable,

1. official transcript from a Board recognized massage therapy education program; or

2. verification of passing one of the Board recognized examinations (i.e. the NCETMB, NCETM or FSBMT exams).

(g) The Board may impose any limits, sanctions, restrictions or other disciplinary actions as a condition of reinstatement it deems necessary.

(h) Additional verification of any requirements or credentials as the Board may deem necessary.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-24A-7, 43-24A-8, 43-24A-10, 43-24A-14, 43-24A-17, and 43-24A-20.

345-4-.05 Reinstatement of a License. Amended.

(1) Reinstatement of an expired or lapsed license is within the discretion of the Board.

(2) An applicant for reinstatement of a lapsed license must submit a completed application provided by the board, payment of the required fee and evidence satisfactory to the Board that the applicant:

(a) is at least 18 years of age; and

(b) has a high school diploma, GED, or recognized equivalent; and

(c) is a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident of the United States, and

(3) in addition, the following:

(a) photograph of the applicant. Only a passport type (3"X 3") photo taken within the past twelve months will be accepted; and

(b) authorization to perform a criminal background check; and

(c) submission of evidence of completion of twenty-four (24) hours of Board approved continuing education, in accordance with Board rule 345-4-.02, obtained within one (1) year of the date of the reinstatement application; and

~~(d) three (3) references: Two (2) professional references from licensed healthcare~~

professionals or instructors from a massage therapy program, and, one (1) personal reference (excluding immediate family). All references must have known the applicant for two (2) years; however, for applicants who have graduated from a massage therapy program within one (1) year of the date of their application, the licensed professional references or instructors must have known the applicant for only a minimum of six (6) months; and

(e) ~~one~~ of the following:

1- (d) ~~If applicable~~, verification of current massage therapist licensure, in good standing, from another jurisdiction, state, territory of the United States, or foreign country submitted directly to the Board from the issuing state regulatory and/or licensing board ; or

2- (e) ~~If applicable~~, verification of active practice as a massage therapist by submitting documentation of active practice within the five (5) years immediately preceding the date of the reinstatement application on a form provided by or approved by the Board. official transcript from a Board recognized massage therapy education program; or

(f) ~~If applicable~~, verification of passing one of the Board recognized examinations (i.e. the NCETMB, NCETM or MBLEx exams).

(~~f~~) (g) The Board may impose any limits, sanctions, restrictions or other disciplinary actions as a condition of reinstatement it deems necessary.

(~~g~~) (h) Additional verification of any requirements or credentials as the Board may deem necessary.

Authority O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-24A-3, 43-24A-7, 43-24A-8, 43-24A-10, 43-24A-14, 43-24A-17, and 43-24A-20.

Mr. Earles motioned, Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the amendments to Chapter 345-4 License Renewal, Continuing Education, Inactive Status and Reinstatement of a Licenses as posted. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Earles motioned, Ms. Phillips seconded, and The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule amendment does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.G.C.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-1-31, 43-24A-3, 43-24A-7, 43-24A-8, 43-24A-10, 43-24A-14, 43-24A-17, and 43-24A-20

Additionally, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.G.C.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-1-31, 43-24A-3, 43-24A-7, 43-24A-8, 43-24A-10, 43-24A-14, 43-24A-17, and 43-24A-20 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of massage therapy.



SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY RULES, CHAPTER 345-5, RULES 345-5-.01 LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

PURPOSE: The purpose of the proposed amendment is to add new requirements for licensure by endorsement.

MAIN FEATURES: The main feature of the proposed amendments is to add new requirements for licensure by endorsement in new paragraphs (b) through (e), and rearrangement of listing of existing requirements.

THE PROPOSED CHAPTER TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY RULES, CHAPTER 345-5, RULES 345-5-.01 LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

NOTE: Underlined text is proposed to be added; lined through text is proposed to be deleted.

Rule 345-5-.01 Licensure by Endorsement. Amended.

(1) Any applicant holding a current license, in good standing, as a massage therapist issued by another jurisdiction, state, or territory of the US or foreign country that is equal to or exceeds the Georgia licensure requirements, shall apply for licensure by endorsement by submitting an application on a form provided by the Board, accompanied by the appropriate fee (see fee schedule) and the following:

(a) verification that an applicant is at least 18 years of age; and

(b) has a high school diploma, GED, or recognized equivalent; and

(c) is a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident of the United States, and

(d) photograph of the applicant. Only a passport type (2"X 2") photo taken within the past twelve months will be accepted; and

(e) authorization to perform a criminal background; and

~~(f)~~ (f) three (3) references: two (2) professional references from licensed healthcare professionals or instructors from a massage therapy program and one (1) personal reference (excluding immediate family). All references must have known the applicant for two (2) years; however, for applicants who have graduated from a massage therapy program within one (1) year of the date of their application, the licensed professional references must have known the applicant for only a minimum of six (6) months; and

~~(e)~~ (g) authorization to perform a criminal background check; and

~~(f)~~ (g) official verification of current licensure as a massage therapist, in good standing, from another jurisdiction, state, or territory of the United States or foreign country, including a copy of its licensing laws for massage therapist, whose standards for licensure meet or exceed those required by Georgia.

~~(e)~~ (h) The Board may request additional verification of any requirements or credentials as it may deem necessary.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-4, 43-1-19, 43-1-24, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-24A-7, 43-24A-10, and 43-24A-13.

Ms. Phillips motioned, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to adopt Rule 345-5.01 Licensure by Endorsement as posted. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Earles motioned, Ms. Phillips seconded, and The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule amendment does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.G.C.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-1-31, 43-24A-3, 43-24A-7, 43-24A-8, 43-24A-10, 43-24A-14, 43-24A-17, and 43-24A-20

Additionally, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.G.C.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-1-31, 43-24A-3, 43-24A-7, 43-24A-8, 43-24A-10, 43-24A-14, 43-24A-17, and 43-24A-20 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of massage therapy.

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SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY RULES, CHAPTER 345, RULES 345-8-.02 FACULTY REQUIREMENTS AND 345-8-.03 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

PURPOSE: The purpose of the proposed amendment is to update the rule regarding faculty and requirements for Board recognition of a massage therapy educational program.

MAIN FEATURES: The main feature of the proposed amendments is (1) to add language to require instructors of massage therapy educational programs to be currently licensed (if required in the state or jurisdiction) and (2) to change the rule sub-chapter title and update the Boards requirements of obtaining, and maintaining Board recognition as a massage therapy educational program.

THE PROPOSED CHAPTER TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY RULES, CHAPTER 345-8-.02 FACULTY REQUIREMENTS AND 345-8-.03 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

NOTE: Underlined text is proposed to be added; lined through text is proposed to be deleted.

345-8-.02 Faculty Requirements. Amended.

(1) In order to be a Board recognized massage therapy education program, the program must have a faculty that consists of a sufficient number of full and part-time instructors to ensure that the educational obligations to the student are fulfilled. Lab, clinical and community course core (lead) faculty must demonstrate competence in their respective areas of teaching as evidenced by a minimum of 2 years or 2000 hours of experience in their field. Faculty instructor(s) shall hold a current state license, if a state license is required to practice massage therapy in that state. Human sciences course core (lead) faculty (anatomy, pathology, physiology) must demonstrate competence in their respective areas of teaching as evidenced by a minimum of 2 years or 2000 hours experience in their field and/or by appropriate degrees/certificates from approved colleges/schools/institutions.

(2) If a school utilizes faculty assistants, in order to be a Board recognized massage therapy education program, it shall establish and maintain policies that set forth qualifications, duties and procedures for use of these personnel. Faculty assistants shall

not be used as substitutes or replacements for regular faculty; shall not be responsible for the overall evaluation of any student; and shall work under the direct supervision of approved faculty.

(3) In order to be a Board recognized massage therapy education program, the ratio of students to faculty in the lab/clinical/community area shall not exceed 20 students to 1 instructor with no more than 10 student therapists and 10 students serving as clients. Lecture classes are not subject to this ratio.

(4) On or after June 30, 2007, when student clinical practice is being performed on the general public, the supervising clinical faculty instructor(s) shall hold a current state license, if a state license is required to practice massage therapy in that state.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-24A-3, 43-24A-7, 43-24A-8, and 43-24A-13.

345-8-.03 Additional Requirements- Maintaining Board Recognition Status. Amended.

~~(1) In order to be a Board recognized massage therapy education program, the program must require that each student have a minimum grade of 70% in order to receive credit/hours in massage therapy related course and clinical work.~~

~~(2) In order to be a Board recognized massage therapy education program, the program must maintain a written program, philosophy and objectives.~~

~~(3) In order to be a Board recognized massage therapy education program, the program must maintain course outlines or syllabi for all massage therapy courses.~~

~~(4) In order to be a Board recognized massage therapy education program, the program must provide a student handbook.~~

~~(5) In order to be a Board recognized massage therapy education program, the program must maintain permanent student records that summarize the credentials for admission, attendance, grades and other records of performance.~~

(1) In order to be a Board recognized massage therapy education program, the program must meet **all** of the additional requirements in the Board's rules, and:

(a) the program must require that each student have a minimum grade of 70% in order to receive credit/hours in massage therapy related course and clinical work, and

(b) the program must maintain a written program, philosophy and objectives, and the program must maintain course outlines or syllabi for all massage therapy courses; and,

(c) the program must provide a student handbook; and,

(d) the program must maintain permanent student records that summarize the credentials for admission, attendance, grades and other records of performance; and,

(e) the program must maintain a pass/fail rate of 70% for program graduates who are first time takers of a board approved examination. All graduates of a single program are not required to take the same examination. However, the pass/fail rate of first time takers for each separate examination, such as the NCETMB, NCETM, the MBLEx or any other Board approved examination, must be 70 % in order for the program to maintain board recognition status.

The Board will be obtaining the pass/fail rates of all Board recognized education programs from testing agencies, such as NCETMB, NCETM and MBLEx, in July and January of each year to evaluate the 70 % passage rate.

(2) If a board recognized program does not meet or fails to comply with all the curriculum, faculty, and additional requirements in the Board's rules, the Board may place the program on probationary status. Probationary status means that the program is a Board recognized program, but that the Board has determined that the program's noncompliance warrants a period for improvement.

- a. The Board shall promptly notify the program, in writing, of the probationary status and a period of time in which to comply with the Board's requirements.
- b. The program must notify, in writing, current and potential new students of their probationary status within ten (10) business days from receipt of the Board's notice. Simultaneously, a copy of such notification must be submitted to the Board within the ten (10) business days.
- c. representatives of the program may appear before the Board to explain any such deficiencies.

(3) A program on probationary status that does not comply with the requirements for board recognized status within the stated period shall lose board recognition status.

(4) Programs losing Board recognition must reapply for recognition by the Board

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-24A-3, 43-24A-7, 43-24A-8, 43-24A-10, and 43-24A-13.

Mr. Earles motioned, Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the amendments to Rules 345-8-.02 Faculty Requirements and Rule 345-8-.03 Additional Requirements as posted. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Earles motioned, Ms. Phillips seconded, and The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule amendment does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.G.C.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-1-31, 43-24A-3, 43-24A-7, 43-24A-8, 43-24A-10, 43-24A-14, 43-24A-17, and 43-24A-20

Additionally, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.G.C.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-1-31, 43-24A-3, 43-24A-7, 43-24A-8, 43-24A-10, 43-24A-14, 43-24A-17, and 43-24A-20 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of massage therapy.

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY RULES, CHAPTER 345-10, RULES 345-10-.03 ADVERTISING AND 345-10-.04 UNLICENSED PRACTICE

PURPOSE: The purpose of the proposed amendment is to (1) add new requirement regarding advertisement of services and (2) clarify and update fine scale for unlicensed practice.

MAIN FEATURES: The main feature of the proposed amendments is to (1) add a requirement that license numbers be reflected on all advertising and (2) to update, clarify and strengthen the Boards monetary fines for unlicensed practice.

THE PROPOSED CHAPTER TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY RULES, CHAPTER 345-10, RULES 345-10-.03 ADVERTISING AND 345-10-.04 UNLICENSED PRACTICE

NOTE: Underlined text is proposed to be added; lined through text is proposed to be deleted.

345-10-.03 Advertising. Amended.

(1) It shall be considered a violation of the massage therapy practice act to:

(a) publicly misrepresent oneself to be a massage therapist in any form of advertisement unless the individual has an active, valid license issued by the Board to practice massage therapy in Georgia;

(b) advertise massage therapy services *in conjunction* with adult entertainment, escort or dating services;

~~(c)~~ (2) Only duly licensed massage therapists practicing in accordance with the Board rules and Georgia law may practice massage therapy in Georgia, or, use in connection with their own name or that of their business or employer, the terms massage, massage therapy, massage therapist, massage practitioner, or the letters M.T. or L.M.T. or any other representation either direct or indirect, indicating to the general public that massage therapy is provided or available. Such activities are prohibited unless the provider is an actively licensed massage therapist by the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy.

(3) Actively licensed massage therapist shall include their Georgia massage therapy license number on all forms of advertisement no later than October 31, 2010.

(4) Establishments providing massage therapy services by more than one licensed massage therapist shall include on all forms of advertisement no later than October 31, 2010 the following statement: "Georgia Licensed Massage Therapists" on all forms of advertisement no later than October 31, 2010.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-24A-3, 43-24A-7, 43-24A-8, 43-24A-10, 43-24A-13, 43-24A-15, and 43-24A-17.

Ms. Phillips motioned, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to adopt the amendments to Rule 345-10-.03 Advertising as posted. None opposed, motion carried.

Mr. Earles motioned, Ms. Phillips seconded, and The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy voted that the formulation and adoption of this rule amendment does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of O.G.C.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-1-31, 43-24A-3, 43-24A-7, 43-24A-8, 43-24A-10, 43-24A-14, 43-24A-17, and 43-24A-20

Additionally, the Board voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.G.C.A. §§ 43-1-7, 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-1-31, 43-24A-3, 43-24A-7, 43-24A-8, 43-24A-10, 43-24A-14, 43-24A-17, and 43-24A-20 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of massage therapy.

Minutes:

Ms. Phillips motioned, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to approve the following Minutes with amendments. None opposed, motion carried.

- February 09, 2009 Conference Call
- March 10, 2009 Conference Call
- April 03, 2009 Board Meeting

Correspondence:

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

- Ashley White, Georgia Academy of Massage, LLC
- Ileana West
- Earlene Nichols

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

Executive Director's Report:

1. Mr. Zimmerman informed the Board that he had completed the necessary documentation required for membership into the FSMTB organization. The annual conference will be held in October in Nashville, TN. Mr. Zimmerman requested that the Board assign one member as the delegate to attend the annual conference. **Ms. Phillips motioned, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to elect Ms. Jane Johnson, Chair, as the assigned delegate to represent the Georgia Massage Therapy Board at the annual conference. None opposed, motion carried.**
2. Mr. Zimmerman informed the Board of notification received to suspend the professional Massage Therapy license of Ms. Bonita Brown, MT002940 in accordance with the law; due to default on repayment of a student loan.

Mr. Earles motioned, Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to suspend Ms. Brown's license to practice as a Massage Therapist for defaulting on her student loan, and further move, that this suspension will cease upon the receipt of "Notice to Release" from GHEAC. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Phillips motioned, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Executive Director's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Phillips motioned, and Mr. Earles 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. § 50-14-2(1), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2-(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19 (h) (2) & (4) to receive and review information pertaining to Applications, receive the Attorney General’s, Cognizant, and Investigation Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Earles, Phillips, and Johnson.

APPLICATIONS:

Mr. Earles motioned, and Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Application:

Licensure by Application:

E.B.	Approved Pending
L.B.	Issue with signed Consent Order with fine
Burkhalter, Michael	Approved
M.C.	Approved Pending
Courson, Audrey	Approved
Fields, Jaime	Approved
Franco, Sally	Approved
B.G.	Issue with signed Consent Order with fine
Isom, Russell	Approved
K.L.	Pending
C.L.	Issue with signed Consent Order with fine
P.M.	Approved Pending
Millin, Rochina	Approved
B.O.	Approved Pending
J.P.	Approved Pending
M.S.	Issue with signed Consent Order with fine
S.S.	Issue with signed Consent Order with fine
Stickler, Candy	Approved
S.T.	Approved Pending
White, Lindsey	Approved
Whitfield, Brandy	Approved
A.W.	Issue with signed Consent Order with fine
R.W.	Issue with signed Consent Order with fine
Yang, Soon	Approved

Mr. Earles motioned and Ms. Phillips seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Endorsement:

Licensure by Endorsement:

G.B.	Pending
A.H.	Pending

Mr. Earles motioned and Ms. Phillips seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applicant's petition for a waiver of Board Rule:

Licensure by Endorsement – Petition for Waiver

L.O. Pending; waiver denied

Mr. Earles motioned and Ms. Phillips seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Reinstatement:

Licensure by Reinstatement:

B.A.	Issue with signed Consent Order with fine
Bell, Chelsea	Approved
F.C.	Issue with signed Consent Order with fine
Elvis, Regina	Approved
C.G.	Issue with signed Consent Order with fine
Gotch, Amor	Approved
Hall, Gretchen	Approved
Harrison, Josh	Approved
Hunt, Alisa	Approved
J.J.	Pending
Kirby, Jane	Approved
V.L.	Issue with signed Consent Order with fine
M.M.	Issue with signed Consent Order with fine
Mathieu, Penny	Approved
Mercer, Katie	Approved
Mitchell, Brandie	Approved
Nolte, David	Approved
R.O.	Approved Pending
R.R.	Approved Pending
R.T.	Approved Pending
B.T.	Approved Pending
Yusuff, Mohamed	Approved

Mr. Earles motioned and Ms. Phillips seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applicant appearing before the Board to appeal Board's denial of waiver:

Applicant Interview

R.B. Pending; denial of waiver stands

Approved Licensees:

Mr. Earles motioned, and Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to ratify the following applications approved between Board meetings determined to have met licensure requirements as follows:

License No.	Licensee	Issue Date
MT005736	Stapler, Tammy Diane	4/3/2009
MT005737	Cranor, Sabrina Darlene	4/6/2009
MT005738	Grekowicz, Gerald Joseph	4/6/2009
MT005739	Junkins, Anna Kathryn	4/6/2009
MT005740	McKenney, Amy Lorene	4/6/2009
MT005741	Steiner-Stergas, Robert L	4/6/2009
MT005742	Stevenson, Elisabeth K	4/6/2009
MT005743	White, Mary Kathryn	4/6/2009
MT005744	Hardy, Stephanie Nicole	4/7/2009
MT005745	Murray, Melanie Frances	4/7/2009
MT005746	Meece, Rachel Elizabeth	4/7/2009
MT005747	O'Brien, David Patrick	4/8/2009
MT005748	Brodie, Nicole Sara	4/8/2009
MT005749	Chen, Hong	4/8/2009
MT005750	Deakin, Carla Cargel	4/8/2009
MT005751	Greene, Dara Marie	4/8/2009
MT005752	Harris, Kevin Andrew	4/8/2009
MT005753	Henry, Megan Grace	4/8/2009
MT005754	Johns, April Ocie	4/8/2009
MT005755	Kenrick, Caroline N	4/8/2009
MT005756	Medina, Yuraniz	4/8/2009
MT005757	Salazar, Gilma Milena	4/8/2009
MT005758	Wheeler, Alicia Janine	4/8/2009
MT005759	Wurche, Saskia Alexandra	4/8/2009
MT005760	Black, Terreshia Denise	4/9/2009
MT005761	MacGregor, Samantha Ann	4/10/2009
MT005762	Veney, Roshelle Monique	4/13/2009
MT005763	Butcher, William Matthew	4/16/2009
MT005764	Gainous, William E	4/16/2009
MT005765	Mize, Melanie Ann	4/16/2009
MT005766	Campbell, Brenda Gayle	4/16/2009
MT005767	Smith, Deanna M	4/16/2009
MT005768	Mallalieu, Michelle Marie	4/16/2009
MT005769	Timmons, Raivon LeToyia	4/17/2009
MT005770	Toy, Mei Ling	4/17/2009
MT005771	Knause, Hilary Margaret	4/17/2009
MT005772	Cannon, Christy Suzanne	4/17/2009

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MT005774	Baker, Amanda Dawn	4/17/2009
MT005775	Banguilan, Maria Liza	4/17/2009
MT005776	Barr, Hubert Allen	4/17/2009
MT005777	Comer, Tamika Attiya	4/17/2009
MT005778	Easterling, Laura A	4/17/2009
MT005779	Hawwari, Madelyn L	4/17/2009
MT005780	Jin, Taishi	4/17/2009
MT005781	Mitchell, Olga Ivanovna	4/17/2009
MT005782	Murray, Dolly Lorraine	4/17/2009
MT005783	Pearson, Wendy Celeste	4/17/2009
MT005784	Raines, Kimberly Ann	4/17/2009
MT005785	Thomas, Tammy Renee	4/17/2009
MT005786	Walker, Christina L	4/17/2009
MT005787	Williams, Clifford Cortez	4/17/2009
MT005788	Zhang, Yvonne	4/17/2009
MT005789	Bone, George Eddie, Jr	4/17/2009
MT005790	Dawes, Megan Delores	4/20/2009
MT005791	Finger, Steven J, Jr	4/21/2009
MT005792	Delk, Nancy Kathleen	4/22/2009
MT005793	Domingo, Sandra L	4/22/2009
MT005794	Middlebrooks, Monique Shante	4/22/2009
MT005795	DeLoach, LaRonna Nicole	4/23/2009
MT005796	Buchanan, John David	4/23/2009
MT005797	Foley, Alexis Lee	4/23/2009
MT005798	Pierce, Alicia Ryan	4/23/2009
MT005799	Cunningham, Brittany Nicole	4/23/2009
MT005800	Thurston, Jeong Hwa	4/23/2009
MT005801	Tippitt, Christopher Scott	4/28/2009
MT005802	Scott, Alishia Rachael	4/29/2009
MT005803	Cabutto, Staci M W	4/29/2009
MT005804	Billings, Cynthia Lynnette	4/29/2009
MT005805	Sumner, Michael Benjamin	4/29/2009
MT005806	Wilton, Veronica	4/29/2009
MT005807	Malone, Kimberly Ann	4/29/2009
MT005808	Holloway, Natasha P	4/29/2009
MT005809	Guthardt, Kathleen A	4/29/2009
MT005810	Bailey, Verniece Arnetta	4/29/2009
MT005811	Qu, Guo Li	4/29/2009
MT005812	Najjar, Julie Anna	5/5/2009
MT005813	Myers, John Dana	5/5/2009
MT005814	Chen, Cuiping	5/6/2009
MT005815	Davis, Nathan Douglas	5/6/2009

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MT005817	Kinsey, Mary Jane	5/6/2009
MT005818	Cao, Ruliang	5/6/2009
MT005819	Hettinger, Julie Anna	5/7/2009
MT005820	Munsey, Justin Dean	5/7/2009
MT005821	Passafero, Elisha Celeste	5/8/2009
MT005822	Cobbinah, Lucille Marie	5/8/2009
MT005823	Taylor, Denise Renea	5/8/2009
MT005824	Palmer, Patrice Antoinette	5/8/2009
MT005825	Murcia, Luz Mary	5/8/2009
MT005826	Fields, Megan Ann	5/11/2009
MT005827	Lockaby, Jennifer Rebecca Leigh	5/11/2009
MT005828	Hogan, Michael Justin	5/11/2009
MT005829	Abbott, Adda P	5/11/2009
MT005830	Patino, Alejandro	5/11/2009
MT005831	Parsons, Marie Victoria	5/11/2009
MT005832	Edwards, Denise Elaine	5/11/2009
MT005833	Myree, Linda L	5/11/2009
MT005834	Washington, Ashley D'Margaret	5/11/2009
MT005835	McGeehan, Kristyn Carole	5/12/2009
MT005836	Collins, George Stanley	5/12/2009
MT005837	Fernandez, Lisette	5/12/2009
MT005838	Soto, Domingo J	5/12/2009
MT005839	Ellsworth, Julianne Elizabeth	5/18/2009
MT005840	Skaggs, Cherie Lynn	5/18/2009
MT005841	Hinton, Alenna Lenk	5/18/2009
MT005842	Trapp, Cathy L	5/18/2009
MT005843	Padgett, Kelly Folden	5/18/2009
MT005844	Adams, Shanna Elizabeth	5/18/2009
MT005845	Weaver, Tabitha Lawanda	5/18/2009
MT005846	Yamini, Sabrina Lenore	5/18/2009
MT005847	Shane, Abby Ruth	5/20/2009
MT005848	McDaniel, Melissa Robin	5/20/2009
MT005849	Cabrera Marte, Yadimar	5/21/2009
MT005850	Brown, Mandy Leigh	5/22/2009
MT005851	Conover, Colleen Marie	5/22/2009
MT005852	Pevey, Toni Jean	5/22/2009
MT005853	Case, Laura Dawn	5/22/2009
MT005854	Carranza, Hugo Oscar	5/22/2009
MT005855	Ellis, Lisa Ann	5/27/2009
MT005856	Thorpe, Tammilee N	5/27/2009
MT005857	Traugott, David Bruce	5/28/2009
MT005858	Newberry, Mary Katherine	5/29/2009

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MT005860	Upchurch, Katherine Ann	5/29/2009
MT005861	Locus, Barbara Ann	5/29/2009
MT005862	Jackson, Tanya LaShawn	5/29/2009
MT005863	Hammond, Bruce Edwin	5/29/2009
MT005864	Ward, Cathy LeTae	5/29/2009
MT005865	Cleveland, Sharon Jean	5/29/2009
MT005866	Clark, Mikki O	6/1/2009
MT005867	Williams, LeRoya G	6/1/2009
MT005868	May, Teresa Elizabeth	6/1/2009
MT005869	Jackson, Michelle J	6/1/2009
MT005870	Crawford, Alton Rhea, Jr	6/1/2009
MT005871	Bailey, Randal Scott	6/1/2009
MT005872	Sanon, Pierre Richard	6/1/2009
MT005873	Tomiczek, Molly J	6/1/2009
MT005874	Coker, Michael Thomas	6/1/2009
MT005875	West, Carolyn Diane	6/1/2009
MT005876	Stullken, Donna Lee	6/1/2009
MT005877	Williams, Trina Lynice	6/1/2009
MT005878	Dekle, Kati Lynne	6/1/2009
MT005879	Finster, Lladro Marie	6/1/2009
MT005880	Holt, Brooklyn Reese	6/1/2009
MT005881	Redfearn, Patricia Ann	6/2/2009
MT005882	Farmer, Deedra Lee Pennington	6/3/2009
MT005883	Cavaness, Ashleigh Rene	6/4/2009
MT005884	Nagel, Janice Doris	6/9/2009
MT005885	Jordan, Levinia Elizabeth Arthur	6/9/2009
MT005886	DeRossett, Holly Deen	6/9/2009
MT005887	Driggers, Lina Tan	6/9/2009
MT005888	Mellone, Barrett Trebor	6/10/2009
MT005889	Roach, Tina Lavette	6/10/2009
MT005890	Flood, Lona Rae	6/10/2009
MT005891	Hayes, Marshall Anthony	6/10/2009
MT005892	Burgwald, Seth Adams	6/10/2009
MT005893	Greene, Aaron Joshua	6/10/2009
MT005894	McKenney, Joshua Daniel	6/10/2009
MT005895	Marshall, Micah Richard	6/10/2009
MT005896	Preston, Christopher Dean	6/10/2009
MT005897	Finney, Delana Elizabeth	6/12/2009
MT005898	Cochran, Jessica Tiffany	6/16/2009
MT005899	Johnson, Adriane L	6/17/2009
MT005900	Coleman, Jacqueline	6/17/2009
MT005901	Key, Jonathan Jeremiah	6/17/2009

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MT005903	Smith, Christina Catherine	6/23/2009
MT005904	Price, Molly Ruth	6/24/2009
MT005905	Davis, Earl Wesley	6/24/2009
MT005906	Bellamy, Thanna Faye	6/24/2009
MT005907	Stoner, Andrew Jeff	6/24/2009
MT005908	Green, Jessica Lynne	6/25/2009
MT005909	Pollack, Rachael Elizabeth	6/25/2009
MT005910	Kelii, Shemeka Nicole	6/25/2009
MT005911	Thompson, Laura Guynn	6/25/2009
MT005912	Blair, Jennifer Lee	6/25/2009
MT005913	Keith, Thea Michelle	6/25/2009
MT005914	Layfield, Matthew Wade	6/25/2009
MT005915	Colas, Schubert	6/25/2009

Massage Therapy School Report:

Due to not meeting the requirements as set forth in O.C.G.A. § 43-24A-3 (4) Definitions and Chapter 345-8 Board Recognized Massage Therapy Educational Programs, Mr. Earles made his recommendations to the Board for the denial of the following Massage Therapy Schools as Board Recognized Massage Therapy Educational Programs.

- A. B. A. , Doraville, GA
- E.W. I. H. T., El Monte, CA.
- H.C., Atlanta, GA.
- H.T.M.I., Los Angeles, CA.

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

Cognizant Report:

Closed Cases:

- 34857, 38167, and 39628

Cases Referred to the Investigations Division:

- 39027, 39625, 39627, MT090001, and MT090010

Pending the receipt of additional information:

- 39630

Cases forwarded to the Cosmetology Division:

- MT090010

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

Attorney General's Report:

Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Janet Jackson provided the Board with a status report.

Mr. Earles motioned, Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Assistant Attorney General's report as presented during executive session. None opposed, motion carried.

Cease and Desist Ratify List:

Cease and Desist Order: The following unlicensed individual signed Cease & Desist Order following a complaint (s) of unlicensed practice as a massage therapist:

- Jae Yeon Lee, Soft Hands Massage, Macon, GA.
- Hyeon Hee Kwon, Soft Hands Massage, Macon, GA.
- Mi Son Pick, Soft Hands Massage, Macon, GA.
- Patrick Greco, Atlanta, GA.

Mr. Earles motioned, Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to accept the cease and desist orders as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Probation Report:

Shelby Jessica O'Connell	No deficiency noted
David Allen Cross	No deficiency noted
Kelly M. Anderson	No deficiency noted
Melissa Rylee	No deficiency noted
Brenda Scott	Deficiency noted
Arthur Nelson	Deficiency noted
Melanie Ann Mize	No deficiency noted

Ms. Phillips motioned, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to accept the probation report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no additional business to discuss, Mr. Earles motioned, Ms. Phillips seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 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: _____