

GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
CONFERENCE CALL MEETING
June 02, 2011

A conference call for the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy was held on June 02, 2011 at 3:30 p.m., at the Professional Licensing Boards Division offices located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia.

The following members were present:

Jane H. Johnson, Chair
Kathy V. Lescak, Vice-Chair
Steve Earles
Denise Taylor

Administrative Staff Present:

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Graham Barron, AAG
Yvonne LeSane, Licensure Analyst
Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist

Ms. Johnson established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the Conference Call meeting to order at 03:31 p.m.

Board member resignation: Mr. Steve Earles explained to the Board he had discussed his resignation from the Board with the Governor's Office of Appointments and expressed his desire to remain on the Board. The Office of Appointment's staff approved the request – Mr. Earles will remain on the Board until his term expiration.

Agenda:

Ms. Lescak motioned, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to approve the agenda as amended. None opposed, motion carried.

Executive Director's Report:

1. Mr. Zimmerman requested the Board to verify if they would accept massage therapy educational hours completed from various massage therapy programs; if the hours were not formally transferred from one program to another; nor did the applicant officially graduate from one particular program.
 - a. Board Response: No, hours must be transferred from one educational program into another educational program, and the applicant must have officially graduated, earning the required 500 hours from a Board Recognized Massage Therapy Educational Program.
2. Mr. Zimmerman notified the Board that the administrative staff was in receipt of the requested information from Athens Institute.
 - a. Following an in-depth discussion, the Board voted to table the discussion until the June 24, 2011 scheduled Board meeting.

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

Rule Waiver/Variance Petition Request:

Darla J. Anderson, Atlanta, GA. -Rule 345-4-.05 Reinstatement of a License.

Ms. Lescak motioned, Mr. Earles seconded, and the Board voted to deny the waiver request due to insufficient evidence submitted to prove a financial hardship. None opposed, motion carried.

Suzanne Hoagland, Epworth, GA - Rule 345-4-.02 Continuing Education Hours – Revisited.

Ms. Lescak motioned, Ms. Taylor seconded, and the Board voted the Denial of the initial two prior petitions stands. In addition, the vote during the last (April 2011) meeting to allow all continuing education hours for reactivation may be obtained online stands. Hours for reactivation cannot be used towards this upcoming/subsequent renewal period. None opposed, motion carried.

Ms. Lescak 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), to review applications and to discuss items in Executive Session. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members, Johnson, Lescak, Taylor, and Earles.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Thursday, June 02, 2011, Ms. Johnson declared the meeting to be “open” pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

APPLICATIONS:

Mr. Earles motioned, and Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Application: None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. Ogletree, Kathy | Approved for licensure |
| 2. Unsworth, Tracy | Approved for licensure |
| 3. Westbrooks, Denise | Approved for licensure |

Mr. Earles motioned, and Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Reinstatement: None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. J.D. | Approved for licensure upon the receipt of a signed Public reprimand with fine. |
| 2. T.M. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 3. Ruff, Deirdre | Approved for licensure |

Ms. Lescak motioned, Ms. Taylor seconded and the Board voted to take the following action on applicant(s) applying for licensure by reinstatement. None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. M.D. | Approved for licensure. Board resend’s the original motion to issue license upon the receipt of a signed Board order. |
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Mr. Earles motioned, and Ms. Lescak seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants applying for licensure by Endorsement: None opposed, motion carried.

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| 1. L.W. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
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There being no further business to come before the Board, the conference call adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Minutes recorded by:
Minutes reviewed and edited by:

Amanda Allen, Board Support Specialist
Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

Jane Johnson, Chair
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