

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
Board Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
September 20, 2013 * 9:00a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, September 20, 2013, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Jane Johnson- Chair
Denise Taylor
Craig Knowles
Jennifer Clay
Harold Seagraves, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Present

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director
Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist
Wanda Jaffe, Licensing Supervisor

Attorney General's Office

D. Williams-McNeely, Assistant Attorney General

Ms. Johnson established quorum and called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda Approved as amended.

Open Session Minutes Mr. Knowles motioned, Mr. Seagraves seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the June 28, 2013 Open Session Minutes.

Licenses to Ratify June 29, 2013 – September 19, 2013 Mr. Knowles motioned, Ms. Taylor seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the ratified list of applicants.

Correspondence from Alvin Monique: CEU Information Ms. Taylor motioned, Mr. Knowles seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send response explaining that Cosmetology courses do not meet the minimum requirements of obtaining a massage therapy license.

Appearances: Denials based on Qualifications

1. Acupuncture & Massage Institute of America

- Xiu Zhen Alexander Mr. Seagraves motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the Board's previous decision to deny and approve because Acupuncture & Massage Institute of America had a valid NCB code when Ms. Alexander was a student.

2. Massage School of Pasadena

- Xiu Qin Liu The Board upholds previous decision and denial stands

3. Atlanta Beauty & Barber Academy

- Ms. Taylor motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny Atlanta Beauty & Barber Academy from this date (9/20/13) forward based on the information from the investigative interview and Rule 345-8-.01. Applicants previously denied prior to 09/20/13 due to no NCB number from the school are now approved pending a legitimate notary. Those with a questionable notary will be held and voted on at the next scheduled board meeting. *Mr. Knowles removed himself from the voting.
- Kiyomi Phosarath Ms. Taylor motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the Board's previous decision and approve Ms. Phosarath contingent application/notary acceptable.
- Dong Hong Huang Ms. Taylor motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the Board's previous decision and approve Mr. Huang contingent application/notary acceptable.

4. Cohutta Healing Arts Institute

- Jennifer Houle Ms. Taylor motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted

unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the Board's previous decision to deny after receiving the proper paperwork and approve Ms. Houle.

5. Phoenix School of Massage

- Hanzhen Xu

Ms. Taylor motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the Board's previous decision to deny and approved due to information being overlooked

6. Barberio School of Massage

- Lanjiao Drennan

The Board upholds previous decision, no NCB Code, denial stands

7. Academy of Health & Beauty

- Xia Weng

The Board upholds previous decision, no NCB Code, denial stands

8. Stanton University

- Shuwen Chen
- Jun Wang

The Board upholds previous decision, no NCB Code, denial stands

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9. Massage Institute of Cleveland

- Tiffany Hulett

Ms. Taylor motioned, Mr. Knowles seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve and inform that school that they must have a NCB Code.

Rules Discussion

Ms. Taylor motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to post Rule 345-8-08 Maintaining Board Recognition Status for hearing.

Rule Waiver Request: Cathy Embrey

By law, a rule waiver must be posted at least 15 days before the Board can vote on it. Staff directs board to blog recommendation and table vote for the next scheduled board meeting.

Rule Waiver Request: Teresa Robertson

Ms. Taylor motioned, Mr. Knowles seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny Ms. Robertson rule waiver request.

Correspondence from Johnny Jensen

Ms. Taylor motioned, Mr. Knowles seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny Mr. Jensen's request.

Correspondence from Nancy Toner Weinberger

Ms. Taylor motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny Ms. Weinberger's request.

Correspondence from Kristy Robbins: Kindred Spirits School of Massage

Board requests additional information be submitted and the correct NCBTMB certification

School Cognizant Report-Craig Knowles

The Board explained that once the school is denied, the Cognizant does not need a Board vote to continue to obtain additional information.

Board Chair's Report

No Report

Executive Director's Report

Mr. Zimmerman Presented to the Board examples of a way to handle Disciplinary issues for future references.

Mr. Knowles motioned, and Ms. Taylor 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. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members: Ms. Johnson, Ms. Taylor, Mr. Knowles. Ms. Clay, and Mr. Seagraves.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, September 20, 2013, 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. No votes were taken during executive session.

OPEN SESSION

Executive Minutes

Mr. Knowles motioned, Mr. Seagraves seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the June 28, 2013 Executive Minutes

Correspondence from A.T.: Explanation of Incident

Ms. Taylor motioned, Mr. Knowles seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve with LOC.

Investigative Interviews

Ms. Taylor motioned, Mr. Knowles seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the recommendations made on the investigative interviews.

1. 11:00am H.B. The Board voted to not reduce the fine or change reprimand and payment must be received in full before license can be issued. A payment plan may be set up if possible.
2. 11:30am J.B. The Board voted to rescind CO issue with no stipulations.
3. 12:00pm S.K. The Board voted to not reduce the fine or change reprimand and payment must be received in full before license can be issued. A payment plan may be set up if possible.
4. 12:30pm C.D. The Board voted to not reduce the fine or change reprimand and payment must be received in full before license can be issued. A payment plan may be set up if possible.

Applications

Ms. Taylor motioned, Mr. Knowles seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the applications recommendations as presented.

Arrests

1. J.A. Deny for licensure
2. S.C. Deny due to moral turpitude
3. E.D. Pending; request final disposition
4. S.G. Approve for licensure with LOC
5. R.G. Request more information on arrest records
6. A.J. Need proof probation conditions were met & community service was completed, if completed issue license
7. N.J. Approve for licensure
8. M.B. Approve for licensure with LOC
9. Y.S.J. Denied due to the school not recognized
10. O.M.M. Approve for licensure
11. B.M. Issue with LOC for lengthy past use of controlled substances.
12. D.M. Approve for licensure
13. C.M. Approve for licensure
14. M.P.Y. Approve for licensure
15. J.P. Issue licensure with LOC
16. N.R. Approve for licensure
17. R.S. Approve for licensure with LOC
18. W.T. Approve for licensure

Reinstatements

1. Q.G. Deny for licensure pending outcome of September court date
2. D.J. Approve for reinstatement
3. R.J. Approve with unlicensed practice
4. L.K. Approve for reinstatement
5. M.L. Approve for reinstatement
6. M.L. Approve for reinstatement
7. C.L. Approve for reinstatement
8. P.M. Pending clarification and/or additional documents
9. J.M. Approve for licensure
10. J.M. Deny for variance but applicant has met the requirements for CEU renewals.
11. A.R. Deny due to fraudulent application.
12. L.R. Approve for reinstatement
13. S.R. Approve for reinstatement
14. E.S. Pending clarification and/or additional documents
15. M.Y. Approve reinstatement with fine for unlicensed practice
16. A.T. Approve reinstatement

Transcripts Review

1. R.H. Deny; No NCB code; only 350 hours of class
2. T.H. Approve

- 3. O.P. Refer to legal for CO & fine. Once completed, issue license.
- 4. M.S. Deny; No NCB code
- 5. L.W. Approve
- 6. J.Z. Approve

Cognizant’s Report – J. Clay Ms. Taylor motioned, Mr. Knowles seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Cognizant’s report as presented.

- 1. MT130090 Send to investigations
- 2. MT140021 Send to investigations
- 3. MT130085 Refer to AG

Attorney General’s Report- S. Mason Ms. Taylor motioned, Mr. Knowles seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General’s report as presented

- 1. L.P.H. Memo to close
- 2. S.H. Memo to close
- 3. P.Y.J. Need to Verify

M.Y. Public CO Ms. Taylor motioned, Mr. Knowles seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept M.Y. Public CO.

Correspondence Table for next scheduled board meeting

- 1. Policy Memo
- 2. Research Memo

2014 Board Elections Ms. Taylor motioned, Mr. Knowles seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the 2014 Board Elections.

Jennifer Clay	Complaint Cognizant
Craig Knowles	School Cognizant
Denise Taylor	Reinstatements/ Arrests Apps
Craig Knowles	Transcripts Apps
Jane Johnson	Rules and Policies Committee
Craig Knowles	Chair
Denise Taylor	Vice-Chair

With no additional business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm.

Minutes recorded by:	Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by:	Wanda Jaffe, Licensing Supervisor
Minutes approved on:	October 25, 2013

CRAIG KNOWLES
BOARD CHAIR

BRIG ZIMMERMAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR