

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
Board Meeting Minutes
Professional Licensing Boards
237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA
Friday, June 24, 2016 - 9:00 a.m.

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, June 24, 2016. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Craig Knowles, Board Chair
Jennifer Clay, Vice Chair
Pam Nichols, Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist
Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor

Board Members Absent

Trisha Butler, Board Member

Attorney General's Office Present

Betsy Cohen, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

- 1) Dwight Bunn
- 2) Lisa Durden, Director of the Professional Licensing Boards Division
- 3) Grant Thomas, Special Assistant to Secretary of State Brian Kemp

Call to Order Mr. Knowles established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Board Meeting Agenda

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the agenda as amended to include rule waiver withdrawal request from John Nichols.

Open Session Minutes:

1) April 29, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the April 29, 2016 open session minutes as amended to correct the grammatical errors.

2) May 12, 2016 Teleconference Minutes

Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the May 12, 2016 open session teleconference minutes as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: April 23, 2016 – June 17, 2016

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to ratify the licenses by application and by reinstatement that were issued in accordance with Board Rules and Policies between board meetings.

Correspondence(s)

1) Gloria Woodward-Glasser – City Permits and Local License

Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that one must hold a license in the state of Georgia to perform massage unless the individual falls within the exceptions of the law, the Board has no jurisdiction over city permits and refer her to her local county and city ordinances for additional guidance relevant to the requirements within those jurisdictions.

Discussion – American Massage Therapy Association – Advertisement of Hands-On C.E.

Mr. Knowles informed the Board that he had received a phone call about an advertisement of a hands-on C.E course titled Ethics, Bodies – The Exhibition, and Functional Movement Class #3. The course is described as taking attendees to the Bodies Exhibit in Atlantic Station and walking them through the exhibit. While walking through the exhibit the attendees are palpating the muscles they see and the C.E. Provider is calling it a hands-on course. Mr. Knowles stated he figured that the Board would receive this particular course for renewal so he decided to be proactive and contacted NCBTMB. NCBTMB informed him that they have the course approved as a C.E. course but it is classified under Science and not classified under hands-on Therapeutic Massage. Mr. Knowles explained that participants are touching but it is a palpation type course and that they are not doing modalities. Mr. Knowles contacted the provider of the course to clarify what the course is and he read the response which stated, “This is not a specific technique class, it is a refining

hands-on skills class. People are partnered for the entire class to palpate and connect. All hands-on is done fully dressed and in public and testing is performed and done in class.” The provider also provided an outline of the class explaining that it is like when you were in massage school and the teacher was guiding you and you had your hands on each other. Mr. Knowles posed the question to the Board as to whether this course should be counted as hands on? Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the provider that although the C.E. course would count towards the general CE requirements for renewal, it would not count towards the hands-on requirement.

Discussion – Conversion of Semester Credit Hours to Clock Hours

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt a policy regarding clock hour conversions as follows:

It is the policy of the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy to accept a transcript which is not presented in clock hours only if the massage therapy education program has achieved recognition by this Board AND the applicant’s transcript is consistent with the transcript that was submitted to the Board when the massage therapy education program gained recognition status.

Any applicant for licensure who completed or graduated from a program that has not gained recognition status by this Board, will be required to cause the submission of a transcript which:

- 1) Reflects credits in the form of clock hours; or,
- 2) Includes documentation which showing the conversion factor(s) of semester or credit hours into clock hours.

Public Board Rule Hearing(s)

Mr. Knowles called Board Rule 345-4-.04 Inactive Status and Board Rule 345-4-.05 Reinstatement of a License to order at 9:33 a.m.

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY CHAPTER 345-4, LICENSE RENEWAL, CONTINUING EDUCATION, INACTIVE STATUS AND REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE, RULE 345-4-.04, INACTIVE STATUS

Purpose: The purpose is to amend the rule to identify which individuals are ineligible to apply for an inactive status and to further clarify the process and requirements by which an individual may reactivate and/or reinstate a license.

Main Features: The rule states the process by which one may apply for inactive status of a license and the requirements for reactivation or reinstatement of a license.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY CHAPTER 345-4, LICENSE RENEWAL, CONTINUING EDUCATION, INACTIVE STATUS AND REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE, RULE 345-4-.04, INACTIVE STATUS

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Rule 345-4-.04 Inactive Status

(1) Licensees may request 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 investigation, is the subject of active disciplinary proceedings or has a sanction in effect may not transfer the license to an inactive status ~~while the sanctions are in effect~~.

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

(a) If a licensee has been on inactive status for ~~less than two~~ (5) years or less, the applicant must meet the requirements for renewal of licensure pursuant to Rule 345-4-.01, excluding late renewal penalty fee, and all required CE hours must be obtained within one year prior to the date of receipt of the Reactivation Application.

(b) If a licensee has been on inactive status for a period greater than two (5) years, the applicant must meet the requirements for reinstatement pursuant to Rule 345-4-.05.

Authority: Authority O.C.G.A. Secs. 43-1-3, 43-1-7, 43-1-10, 43-1-19, 43-1-22, 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-24A-3, 43-24A-7, 43-24A-8, 43-24A-10, 43-24A-14, 43-24A-17, 43-24A-20, 50-13-3.

Written Comments Received

No written comments were received.

Public Comments Received

No Public comments were received or offered during the hearing.

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt the 345-4-.04 proposed amendment as presented.

The Board discussed the economic impact of Board Rule 345-4-.04 upon the licensee. Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the formulation and adoption of this rule does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rule cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative.

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-24A-19(2), and 43-24A-3(4) to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Massage Therapy.

SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY CHAPTER 345-4, LICENSE RENEWAL, CONTINUING EDUCATION, INACTIVE STATUS AND REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE, RULE 345-4-.05, REINSTATEMENT OF A LICENSE

Purpose: The purpose is to amend the continuing education requirements for the reinstatement of a license to be consistent with the biennium requirements of licensed massage therapists and to include additional requirements that will assist the Board in determining if an applicant, who has been out of practice over five years, possesses the knowledge and skill to return safely practice.

Main Features: The rule states the continuing education requirements for the reinstatement of a license that has been revoked or lapsed for a period of two (2) years or less or for a period of more than two (2) years

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY CHAPTER 345-4, LICENSE RENEWAL, CONTINUING EDUCATION, INACTIVE STATUS AND REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSE, RULE 345-4-.05, REINSTATEMENT OF A LICENSE

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Rule 345-4-.05 Reinstatement of a License

(1) Reinstatement of a revoked or lapsed license is within the discretion of the Board.

(2) An applicant for reinstatement of a revoked or 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 a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident of the United States; and,

(b) has a satisfactory result from a fingerprint record check report conducted by the Georgia Crime Information Center and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as determined by the Board. The applicant shall be responsible for all fees associated with the performance of such background check (see the Fingerprint COGENT-GAPS Instructions on the Board website under the Application Downloads link).

(c) if the license has been revoked or lapsed for:

(i) less than five two (52) years or less, the applicant must ~~submit~~ ~~ssion 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;

or,

~~(d)(ii) if the license has been revoked or lapsed for more than five two (52) years, the applicant must~~ ~~submit~~ ~~ssion of~~ evidence of completion of twenty-four (24) hours of Board approved continuing education, in accordance with Board Rule 345-4-.02, ~~which was~~ obtained within one (1) year of the date of the reinstatement application, **AND**, verification of ~~having the~~ ~~passed~~ ~~age of~~ the MBLEx, ~~NCETMB or NCETM exam~~ within six (6) months of the date of the reinstatement application.

(3) The continuing education hours used for the reinstatement of a license cannot be used to meet the continuing education hours required for the biennium during which the license was reinstated.

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

(5) The Board may require additional verification of any requirements or credentials as the Board may deem necessary.

Authority: O.C.G.A. Secs. [43-1-3](#), [43-1-7](#), [43-1-10](#), [43-1-19](#), [43-1-22](#), [43-1-24](#), [43-1-25](#), [43-24A-3](#), [43-24A-7](#), [43-24A-8](#), [43-24A-10](#), [43-24A-14](#), [43-24A-17](#), [43-24A-20](#), [50-13-3](#).

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Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-24A-19(2), and 43-24A-3(4) to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(3)(A), (B), (C), and (D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed in the field of Massage Therapy.

Discussion – Federation of State Massage Therapy Board (FSMTB)

1) Resolution – Amendment to Re-Testing/Re-Examination Policy to limit the number of MBLEx Attempts

Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to forward the resolution to FSMTB as amended.

2) Resolution – Amendment to Registration Process to include Proof of Graduation from Board Approved Entity

Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to forward the resolution to FSMTB as amended.

Discussion – Proposed Legislation – Lisa Durden, Division Director and Grant Thomas, Legislative Team

Ms. Durden, Division Director of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, informed the Board that she and Special Assistant to Brian Kemp, Grant Thomas, met with Secretary of State Brian Kemp about the letter the Board issued regarding amendments to the massage therapy practice act and they wanted to ask the Board a few questions of clarification. Mr. Thomas thanked the Board for getting the letter of proposed amendments to the practice act to them so early so they have time to discuss and work through the draft. Starting off, they definitely think there are some valid concerns with human trafficking and sexual misconduct in Georgia and they would like to work with the Board to address those issues. Mr. Thomas mentioned that there were a few topics regarding the exceptions that the Board would like to eliminate but they thought would be beneficial. He cautioned the Board their desire to increase fines and penalties for engaging in unlicensed and unauthorized practice as increasing the fees could result in issues later on down the road if the legislature decides to cap or slice them. Mr. Thomas also pointed out that in the proposed letter it mentioned that the Board does not license facilities or have any oversight over the businesses but reading through the proposed legislation, he didn't see anything in there that addressed that concern. As a result, he wanted to know if the Board wanted to consider mentioning revisions to the statute to include some oversight of massage therapy businesses. Ms. Durden explained that when looking at the fines and fees, she wouldn't want to do anything that would scare away the legislators from considering their proposed legislation as she has seen this occur with other Boards.

It was the consensus of the Board that they would like to continue working on the proposed legislation draft to include additional examples support the reasons they are seeking certain changes and other revisions prior to presenting it back to Secretary Kemp and other legislators. Mr. Knowles also stated on behalf of the Board that they are open to any suggestions the Secretary's office or Ms. Durden may have to make this process go smoothly and thanked them both for their time.

Discussion – National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork (NCBTMB)

1) Approved Provider Disciplinary Actions by State

The Board accepted the correspondence in reference to the list of NCBTMB approved provider disciplinary actions taken by state as information.

2) Certificate Disciplinary Actions by State

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to adopt a policy as follows:

It is the policy of the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy to authorize staff to initiate an investigation into the disciplinary actions taken by Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) or the National Certification Board of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCTBTMB) against any Georgia applicant or NCBTMB Approved Continuing Education Provider, NCBTMB Certificant and/or Massage Therapy Education Program licensed and/or recognized in the state of Georgia by requesting the investigative records from FSMTB or NCBTMB.

3) School Compliance Report

The Board accepted the correspondence in reference to the school compliance report as information.

Petition for Rule Waiver/Variance Request(s)

1) BR 345-4-.02 - Dewberry, Linda

Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for waiver of Board Rule 345-4-.02 due to insufficient evidence to substantiate a hardship.

2) BR 345-8-.03 – Taylor-Ollis, Carrie

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the request for waiver of board rule 345-8-.03.

3) BR 345-4-.05(2)(c) Nichols, John

Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the withdrawal request for waiver of board rule 345-4-.05(2)(c).

Open Records Request (s)

1) Haris Siddegowa Re: Xuemei Li

Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send a response to Haris Siddegowa informing them that the Board does not have any licensee that matches the information requested.

Executive Director’s Report – A. Price

Executive Director’s report presented the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications and complaints/compliance, the registrants for the CE Tracking System, and an update on the status of the FSMTB Fair Task Force & Human Trafficking Task Force. The Board accepted the report as presented.

Education Report – C. Knowles

1) Georgia Christian University

Mr. Knowles informed the Board that the school was unrecognized as of June 1, 2016 since they were unable to provide the Board with a current status NPEC authorization as the Board required. The Executive Director informed the Board that she has already notified them.

2) Elaine Sterling Institute

Mr. Knowles informed the Board that the school updated their faculty list on their website. He also informed the Board he was told that Elaine Sterling is now getting people and transcripts from Golden Razor, an unrecognized school, and Elaine Sterling wanted to know if they can use any hours from the transcripts that they received from Golden Razor. Mr. Knowles informed the Board that he explained to Elaine Sterling that they cannot accept any hours from an unrecognized program as that would violate the Board Rules.

3) Georgia Career Institute

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the Program Director and/or Owner of the massage therapy program to make an appearance before the Board during the September 9, 2016 mtg. based on Board’s decision to consider withdrawal of recognition status as a result of continuous violations of the Board rules.

Board’s Chair Report – C. Knowles

Mr. Knowles explained to the Board that in February 2016, the Federation Board of Directors stated in the public minutes that they unanimously agreed as of July 1, 2016 to remove any brick and mortar schools that are not recognized in each state off of the MBLEX list. As of May, 2016 nothing has been done and the Director of Federation stated that nothing has been done because the states have not responded to their requests for lists of state approved schools. Mr. Knowles contacted Adrienne Price, Executive Director and asked if Georgia had responded to the request and Ms. Price answered that the office did not respond because she had not received anything. Mr. Knowles stated that the Federation Board pushed the dates back to January 1, 2017 to remove the schools from the list and then later to July 1, 2017, so he asked them to state the operational issue as to why the date keeps getting pushed backed and the vote entered into the public minutes was not being followed; however, he wasn’t provided any specifics. What Mr. Knowles proposed to the Board is to consider writing a letter to FSMTB, as a State b-Board, to demand that the Federation remove any Georgia school from their list that is not on the Georgia recognized list so as not to allow anyone to register for the exam if they attended a program that is not on that list. He stated that this measure further prevents unintended access to the exam, enhances the security of the exam and increased the validity and integrity of the data schools receive with regards to pass rates. Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to direct Executive Director to send a letter to the Federation requesting them to remove any school from their list that is not on the Georgia approved list and request that they provide the Board with additional information as to the reason the same is not being done for other states as was agreed upon by the FSMTB Board of Directors.

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay 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: Mr. Knowles, Ms. Clay, and Ms. Nichols.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, June 24, 2016 Mr. Knowles 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

Scheduled Board Appointments

Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session:

- 1) Applicant 2493852 Uphold the previous motion to deny.
- 2) Applicant 2610099 Rescind the motion and approve the rule waiver request.
- 3) Applicant 2596858 Uphold the previous motion to deny.
- 4) Personal Appearance MT160032
 - a) C.C. Refer the respondent C.C. to the Attorney General’s office for a hearing for Consent Order with a fine of \$500 for aiding and abetting unlicensed practice with a private reprimand.
 - b) Owners Rescind the previous motion and notify the Program Director and the Owners of the program that the Board has determined that the program will be placed on conditional recognition status. Within thirty days of notification, the program owner(s) or director must provide the Board with copies of all literature, forms and documentation which notifies and informs massage therapy students that they are not to accept compensation for their services. In addition, the Board will conduct another audit of the program within the next six months. Upon completion and review of the results of the audit the Board will make a determination to restore or withdraw full recognition status.

Executive Session Minutes:

1) April 29, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the April 29, 2016 executive session minutes as presented.

2) May 12, 2016 Teleconference Minutes

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the April 29, 2016 open session minutes as presented.

Attorney General’s Report

Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General’s report as presented.

Cognizant's Report – J. Clay

Ms. Nichols motioned, Mr. Knowles seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session:

- MT160009 Table a decision pending the outcome of the upcoming scheduled court date 8-1-2016.
MT160011 Table a decision pending the outcome of the upcoming scheduled court date 8-1-2016.
MT160013 Table a decision pending the outcome of the upcoming scheduled court date 8-1-2016.
MT160015 Table a decision pending the outcome of the upcoming scheduled court date 8-1-2016.
MT160017 Accept the cease and desist orders. Refer the owner (N.W.C.) to the Attorney General's office for a Public Consent Order with a fine of \$1500 for aiding and abetting unlicensed practice.
MT160078 Close case with no action.
MT160089 Close case with no action.
MT160090 Accept the cease and desist and close the case.
MT160091 Upon finding that the continued practice of the respondent would present an imminent danger to the public health, safety and welfare, the Board determined that emergency action is required, and voted to refer the case to the Attorney General's Office to issue an Order of Summary Suspension. The Board alternatively incorporates with this finding that upon evaluation and substantiation thereof, a hearing or Public Interim Order for Indefinite Suspension or Voluntary Surrender of the license will be accepted. If the respondent accepts a Public Interim Order for Indefinite Suspension, the respondent may petition to lift the suspension after the pending criminal case is resolved and a certified copy of the final disposition of the case is submitted to the Board for consideration.
MT160093 Close the case with no action.

Board Order Ratification List

Mr. Knowles motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to ratify the list of Private Consent Agreements issued in accordance with Board rules and policies between meetings as presented.

Applications for Board Review

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session:

- 1) Applicant 2605790 Issue the license with a letter of concern regarding criminal history.
- 2) Applicant 2612108 Refer to Legal Services for a Private Consent Agreement for Licensure with a fine of \$500 for falsifying information on application.
- 3) Applicant 2607566 Deny licensure based on attendance to an unrecognized school.
- 4) Applicant 2577383 Deny licensure based on attendance to an unrecognized school.
- 5) Applicant 2584833 Deny licensure based on failure to meet requirements as codified in O.C.G.A. § 43-24A-8(7) as a result of an invalidation of MBLEX scores.
- 6) Applicant 2614874 Deny licensure, does not meet educational requirements in accordance with 345-8-01 as a result of attending an educational program with no NCBTMB assigned school code.
- 7) Applicant 2609056 Deny licensure, does not meet educational requirements in accordance with 345-8-01 as a result of attending an educational program with no NCBTMB assigned school code.
- 8) Applicant 2591711 Deny licensure based on failure to meet requirements as codified in O.C.G.A. § 43-24A-8(7) as a result of an invalidation of MBLEX scores.
- 9) Applicant 2599230 Issue the license.
- 10) Applicant 2615396 Deny licensure based on attendance to an unrecognized school.
- 11) Applicant 2614872 Deny licensure based on attendance to an unrecognized school.
- 12) Applicant 2625726 Issue the license.
- 13) Applicant 2617296 Issue the license.
- 14) Applicant K.S.C.C. Grant inactive status.
- 15) Applicant 2619513 Deny reinstatement of licensure based on failure to meet C.E. requirements.

Executive Discussions

- 1) Applicant 2573917 Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted to rescind the previous motion to deny licensure pending receipt of transcript conversion to clock hours in each content area in accordance with BR 345-8-.01. Application will remain pending and license issued if information is received prior to July 31, 2016. If the requested documentation is not received by the deadline, the denial will stand.
- 2) MT150081 Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the

motion to withdraw recognition of the MT Education Program based upon findings that the program is in violation of BR 345-8-.03 effective September 9, 2016. As a result, the Board requests the presence of the Program Director and/or Owner at the next scheduled board meeting to address said violations.

- 3) Board Policies Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to post a copy of all Board Policies on the website.
- 4) Upon reviewing Board Rule 345-6-.01(2)(c) the Board noted an error in the spelling of the word massage and requested the Executive Director to notify the vendor to correct the error on the website.
- 5) Ms. Clay and Assistant Attorney General, Betsy Cohen tentatively scheduled Investigative Interviews for some pending complaint cases for July 19, 2016 and/or July 22, 2016,

Adjournment With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Tamara Elliott, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: September 9, 2016

CRAIG KNOWLES
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR