

The Georgia Music Therapy Advisory Group met October 8, 2015 via telephone conference from the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Georgia Secretary of State, located at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jamie George
Beth Hampshire
Jennifer Puckett
Steve Wilson

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Ratley

STAFF PRESENT

Jim Cleghorn, Executive Director

Cleghorn called the meeting to order at 10:02am on Thursday, October 8, 2015.

ANNUAL REPORT

Cleghorn presented statistical information regarding applications, licenses and complaints for FY2014 and FY2015.

	FY2014	FY2015
Applications Received	103	30
Licenses Issued	98	29
Complaints Received	0	5

LICENSE RENEWALS

Cleghorn noted that licensees would be required to renew their license for the first time in March 2016. The license renewal period will open by February 1, 2016.

The Professional Licensing Boards Division will send email reminders to all licensees with an active email address. Advisory group members stated that the state association would also notify members of the upcoming renewal and continuing education requirements.

If audited, licensees will be required to provide documentation of completion of forty (40) hours of continuing education in a program approved by the Certification Board of Music Therapists. Continuing education credits for the first renewal period must be completed between January 1, 2014 and March 31, 2016.

CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Advisory group members inquired about an exemption for individuals who were recently licensed. Cleghorn explained that he would review the existing rules and statutes for available options.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Advisory group members provided information about an inquiry from the national association regarding the type of complaints received in Georgia. Cleghorn reviewed the law which provides the basis for investigations.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned October 8, 2015 at 10:18am.