

GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
Board Teleconference Minutes
May 11, 2017 – 8:30 a.m.

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy met via teleconference on Thursday, May 11, 2017. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

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

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist
Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor

Visitors Present

No Visitors Present

Attorney General's Office Present

David Stubins, Sr. Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order Mr. Knowles established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepts the agenda as presented.

Discussion - International Sound Therapy Association - Mandara Cromwell

Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the approval of International Sound Therapy Association coursework for continuing education credit.

Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols 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: Craig Knowles, Jennifer Clay, Pam Nichols and Donald Wood.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Thursday, May 11, 2017, 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

AG MEMO - Rule Military, Military Spouses, Transitioning Service Members

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to vote to post BR 345-5-.02 Licensure by Endorsement: Military Spouses, Service Members, and Transitioning Service Members as amended.

Rule 345-5-.02. Endorsement for Military Spouses, Service Members and Transitioning Service Members

(1) As used in this rule, the following terms shall mean:

(a) "Board" means the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy.

(b) "License" means any license issued by the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy.

(c) "Military" means the United States armed forces, including the National Guard.

(d) "Military spouse" means a spouse of a service member or transitioning service member.

(e) "Service member" means an active or reserve member of the armed forces, including the National Guard.

(f) "Transitioning service member" means a member of the military on active duty status or on separation leave who is within 24 months of retirement or 12 months of separation.

(2) Effective July 1, 2017, military spouses, services members and transitioning service members may qualify for expedited processing of the license application by showing that the applicant is a military spouse or transitioning service member and that the applicant has paid the fee and meets the requirements for a license under the law and rules for the type of license for which the applicant has applied.

Authority: O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19, 43-1-25, 43-1-34, 43-1-8, 43-24A-2, 43-24A-7, 43-24A-8, 43-24A-9, 43-24A-13, 43-24A-19.

Adjournment With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Minutes approved on: June 23, 2017

CRAIG KNOWLES
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR