

GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
Board Teleconference Minutes
Wednesday, January 17, 2018 – 12:30 p.m.

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy met via teleconference on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Craig Knowles, Board Chair
Jennifer Clay, Board Member
Pam Nichols, Board Member
Cindy King, Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General's Office

David Stubins, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Board Members Absent

Kelly Teague, Consumer Member

Administrative Staff Absent

Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor

Visitors Present

No visitors present.

Call to Order Mr. Knowles established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda The Board accepts meeting agenda as presented.

Open Session Minutes

1. December 14, 2017 Board Teleconference Minutes

Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the December 14, 2017 open session Board teleconference minutes as presented.

Petition for Rule Waiver

1. Rule Waiver – BR 345-4-.05(2)(c)(ii) – Kosena Frazier Dawson

Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition to waive BR 345-4-.05(2)(c)(ii) based on evidence of having passed an approved national examination. Notify the petitioner if she has engaged in unlicensed practice, such conduct will be addressed by the Board.

2. Rule Waiver – BR 345-4-.05(2)(ii) – April Samba

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition to waive BR 345-4-.05(2)(ii) due to insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship and the applicant has not had an active license to practice massage therapy for more than five (5) years.

Correspondence - Request for Approval of Chinese Facial Massage Course – Debbie DeNardo, Massage CE Solutions

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that pursuant to NCBTMB Approval, review of the current course content materials and the adjustments made to remove the acupoints material from the course, the course meets the statutory definition of massage therapy and may be submitted by licensees to meet the hands-on requirements for license renewal.

Miscellaneous Discussion

1. Change of Board Meeting Date

Ms. King motioned, Ms. Clay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to move the scheduled Board meeting on Friday, February 16, 2018 to Friday, February 23, 2018.

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: Craig Knowles, Jennifer Clay, Pam Nichols and Cindy King.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, January 17, 2018, 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

Executive Session Minutes

1. December 14, 2017 Executive Board Teleconference Minutes

Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the December 14, 2017 executive session Board teleconference minutes as presented.

Executive Discussion

1. MT180116

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to request an explanation from the Program Director and Vice President of Compliance for the massage therapy educational program regarding the discrepancies identified within the submitted records. Tabled discussion pending receipt and review of requested information.

2. MT180109

Ms. King motioned, Ms. Clay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table discussion pending receipt of requested information from the massage therapy educational program and provide the respondents in this case an update concerning the recognition status of the program.

Adjournment With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Foster, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Minutes approved on: February 23, 2018

CRAIG KNOWLES
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR