

2GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
Board Teleconference Minutes
Friday, September 28, 2018 – 4:30 p.m.

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy met via teleconference on Friday, September 28, 2018. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Craig Knowles, BCTMB, LMT, CNMT, Chair
Jennifer Clay, LMT, CNMT, Vice Chair
Pam Nichols, LMT, CNMT, HNC, Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

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

Board Members Absent

Cindy King, LMT, CMT, NMT, Board Member
Kelly Teague, Consumer Member

Attorney General's Office Present

Wylencia Monroe, Senior Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

No visitors present.

Call to Order Mr. Knowles established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the meeting agenda as presented.

Discussion – Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB)

1. 2018 Notice to Membership – Candidates for Board of Directors

Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion for Ms. Nichols, Board Delegate, to vote for Craig Knowles to fill Seat # 1 on the FSMTB Board of Directors with a three-year term of service.

Ms. Clay motioned, Mr. Knowles seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion for Ms. Nichols, Board Delegate, to vote for Ahmos Netanel to fill Seat # 2 on the FSMTB Board of Directors with a three-year term of service.

Ms. Clay motioned, Mr. Knowles seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion for Ms. Nichols, Board Delegate, to vote for Victoria Drago to fill Seat # 3 on the FSMTB Board of Directors with a three-year term of service.

Ms. Clay motioned, Mr. Knowles seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion for the Board Chair to consult with the Board Delegate before a vote if new and relevant information is received during the annual meeting on the candidates or matters before the delegate assembly.

Open Session Minutes

1. August 24, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes

Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the August 24, 2018 open session Board meeting minutes as amended for language.

Petition for Rule Waiver

1. Rule Waiver – BR 345-4-.05(c)(ii) – Barnes-Height, Matrilla

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition to waive BR 345-4-.05(c)(ii) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Miscellaneous Discussion

1. Board Member Responses to Reporters

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the Board Chair the authority to consult with the Secretary of State Press Office as needed in order to respond to reporters on behalf of the Board and for the Board Chair to provide an oral or written report to the Board of the occurrence at the next Board meeting.

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 and Pam Nichols.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, September 28, 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. August 24, 2018 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the August 24, 2018 executive session Board meeting minutes as amended.

Legal Services Report

- 1. MT190015
- 2. MT190016
- 3. MT190019
- 4. MT190018

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the agreements or orders upon receipt.

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion

1. MT170029

Ms. Clay motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify licensee that to petition for termination of probation, the licensee must provide a statement from a physician who specializes in addiction medicine which indicates the licensee is able to practice with reasonable skill and safety for the Board to review.

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Clay seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion of the friendly amendment to amend the previous motion to include a vote to renew the license and flag for CE audit.

Applications

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.

- Application 2750091** Issue license and flag for CE audit.
- Application 2749305** Reinstate the license and flag for CE audit.

Adjournment With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Kathy Osier, Licensing Supervisor, Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: October 26, 2018

CRAIG KNOWLES
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR