

**Georgia Board of Massage Therapy
Investigative Committee Meeting
237 Coliseum Drive – Macon, GA 31217
May 31, 2019 9:30 a.m.**

Members Present:

Craig Knowles, BCTMB, LMT, CNMT

Staff Present:

Adrienne D. Price, Executive Director

Kimberly Candler, Complaints and Compliance Analyst

Attorney General's Office:

Melissa Tracy, Sr. Assistant Attorney General

Open Session

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, May 31, 2019 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, 31217. The meeting was called to order at 9:21a.m. by Craig Knowles and entered into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing investigative cases and to conduct investigative interviews as authorized by O.C.G.A. Sections 43-1-2(h) and 43-11-47(h).

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Craig Knowles declared the meeting open pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq. The Investigative Committee entered a unanimous vote to present the recommendations to the Board as indicated below.

Investigative Interviews:

MT190028

Recommendations:

Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing for revocation of licensure or voluntary surrender for unprofessional conduct.

MT190092

Recognize the Program and close the case.

Discussion Cases:

MT190090

Recommendations:

Obtain certification of final adjudication and refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing for revocation of licensure based on misrepresentation of arrest on renewal application and convicted for prostitution

MT190065

Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure with a reprimand for failure to disclose all criminal history on the application. Terms to include probation for a minimum of 2 years with quarterly reports from employer. Respondent may petition to be released from probation at the conclusion of the probationary period.

MT190085

Close with a letter of concern for advertising outside the scope of practice for a Massage therapy.

MT190080	Close the case. No action.
MT190079	Notify Licensee of continuing education violations by certified mail allowing 90 days from the date of correspondence to provide proof of completion for hours taken in 2014-2016 and 2016-2018. Failure to submit hours will result in referral to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing of revocation or Public Consent Order with fines. \$500 for false attestation 2016-2018 and additional \$1200 for not completing continuing education 2014-2016. Must complete required 24 hours from 2016-2018 renewal and hours may not be used for future renewals. All fines must be paid before August 2020 to submit a renewal application for the 2020 biennium.
MT180081	Close – Release a copy of our investigation file to local municipality.
MT180111	Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing for Cease and Desist. Release the investigation file upon request to the criminal prosecutor.
MT180143	Refer T. H to Attorney General for a hearing of revocation for false attestation on the application for licensure or Public Board Order with \$1000 fine for Unlicensed Practice and false attestation on an application for licensure. Close with letter of Concern for J.C. Open new case against J.H. for referral to the Attorney General for a hearing of revocation for aiding and abetting unlicensed practice or Public Board Order with fine of \$500 due within 90 days of docket day and additional 6 hours of Continuing Education in the area of business ethics. Hours used to satisfy Order can not be applied to future renewals.
MT180161	Close the case. If the respondent attempts to reinstate, the Board will reconsider the facts of the case.
MT180171	Refer to the Attorney General for a Cease and Desist Hearing for Unlicensed Practice.
MT190007	Refer to the Attorney General for a hearing of revocation for false attestation on an application for reinstatement and unlicensed practice or a

	Public Consent Order with fine of \$1000 for false attestation. Fine due within 90 days of docketing. Refer case to Georgia Board of Cosmetology and Barbers for licensed cosmetologist aiding and abetting Unlicensed practice.
MT190008	Close, no action.
MT190072	Close due to insufficient evidence.
MT190073	Close the case, no jurisdiction.
MT190074	Refer S.W. to Attorney General for a hearing for revocation or voluntary surrender for aiding and abetting unlicensed practice or Public Consent Order with fine of \$1000 Due before October 1, 2020. Send Letter of concern to X.L. for failure to report Unlicensed Practice.
MT190075	Refer L.N. to the Attorney General for a hearing or revocation for aiding and abetting ULP of B.E.Y. and X.H. Place a hold against respondent B.E.Y. for future review.
MT190078	Close with Letter of Concern to the Y.C. for aiding and abetting Unlicensed practice. Refer the investigative file to the local municipality.
MT180152	Applicant 2731887 – Referral to PLB Legal for Public Consent Agreement for licensure with fine \$1250 (\$500 for failure to disclose & \$750 for unlicensed practice) Refer the licensed cosmetologist to the Georgia Board of Cosmetology and Barbers for aiding and abetting unlicensed practice.
MT190070	Close – insufficient evidence
MT190069	Table – Refer to investigations
MT190033	Refer K.D. to the Attorney General’s office for a Public Consent Agreement for licensure with fine for \$1000 for Unlicensed Practice and false attestation on an application for licensure. Fine must be paid in full by October 1, 2020. Refer J.L.T. to the Attorney General’s Office for a

hearing of revocation for aiding and abetting unlicensed practice or Public Consent Order with fine of \$500 due within 90 days of docketing. 6 hours of business ethics continuing education due within 90 days. Continuing education may be completed online or in person but may not be applied to future renewals.

At the conclusion of the Executive Session, Craig Knowles declared the meeting 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.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.

The meeting minutes were prepared by: Kimberly Candler, Complaints & Compliance Analyst
The meeting minutes were reviewed and edited by: Adrienne D. Price, Executive Director
The meeting minutes were approved on: June 14, 2019

CRAIG KNOWLES
Board President

ADRIENNE PRICE
Executive Director