

**Georgia Board of Massage Therapy
Investigative Committee Meeting
Open Session Minutes
237 Coliseum Drive – Macon, GA 31217
September 30, 2019 9:00 a.m.**

Members Present:

Craig Knowles, BCTMB, LMT, CNMT

Staff Present:

Adrienne D. Price, Executive Director

Meagan Doss, Complaints & Compliance Analyst

Attorney General's Office:

Melissa Tracy, Sr. Assistant Attorney General

Elizabeth Simpson, Sr. Assistant Attorney General

Open Session

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, September 20, 2019 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia, 31217. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.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 Interview:

MT190133

Recommendation:

Request respondent to provide proof of Continuing Education for the 2016 and 2018 renewal cycles and present to Cognizant for review.

Discussion Case:

MT170059

Recommendation:

Refer to the Attorney General's Office of a Hearing or Private Consent Order to include 2 years on probation and at least 6 additional, in person, Continuing Education hours in Ethics to include communications, boundaries, and draping. The course must be pre-approved by the committee.

MT180105

Close case no jurisdiction. Refer the matter for criminal prosecution by Spalding County GA. If the Respondents attempt to reinstate the board will review the facts of the case before reinstatement will be considered.

MT180123

Close the case.

MT190093

Refer to Attorney General's office for a hearing for Cease and Desist Order for S.G for ULP and on X. Y. aiding and abetting. Refer for criminal prosecution by the local jurisdiction which is Fulton County.

MT190103

Close case with a Letter of Concern regarding Failing to display a massage therapist's license certificate issued by the Board, or a photocopy thereof, in an appropriate and public manner [BR345-6-.01(2)(d)]

MT190122

Close the case with a letter of concern regarding documentation of informed consent to the owner [BR 345-6-.01(1)(e)].

MT200009

Close the case no jurisdiction. Refer to Fulton County to seek prosecution for operating a business without a license.

MT200018
MT200023

Table pending outcome of the criminal case.
Send a letter to the business informing them of their advertising violations and request that it be corrected within thirty business days [O.C.G.A. § 43-24A-15(a-c)].

MT110073
MT180090
MT180126

Refer to Attorney General's Office for a hearing or Public Consent Order with a Public Reprimand to include probation for a minimum of 4 years, 12 hours of Continuing Education in roles and boundaries, ethics and business practices within 90 days and a fine of \$1000 for Aiding and Abetting Unlicensed Practice and administrative cost to be paid in full prior to October 31, 2020.

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 11:30 a.m.

The meeting minutes were prepared by: Meagan Doss Complaints & Compliance Analyst
The meeting minutes were reviewed and edited by: Adrienne D. Price, Executive Director
The meeting minutes were approved on: October 10, 2019

CRAIG KNOWLES
Board President

ADRIENNE PRICE
Executive Director