

GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
Board Teleconference Minutes
Friday, November 22, 2019 – 8:30 a.m.

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy met via teleconference on Friday, November 22, 2019. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Craig Knowles, BAS, LMT, BCTMB, CNMT, Chair
Pam Nichols, LMT, CNMT, HNC, Vice Chair
Cindy King, LMT, CMT, NMT, Board Member
Jane Boyles Curry, Consumer Board Member

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Meagan Doss, Complaints/Compliance Analyst

Board Members Absent

Jennifer Clay, LMT, CNMT, Board Member

Attorney General's Office Present

Melissa Tracy, 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 8:32 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda

Mrs. King motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented.

Open Session Minutes

1. October 21, 2019 Board Teleconference Minutes

Ms. Curry motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the October 21, 2019 open session Board teleconference minutes as presented.

Discussion – Professional Liability Insurance Coverage

1. Associated Bodywork & Massage Professions (ABMP) Professional Liability Insurance Coverage Letter – Laura Embleton, ABMP Government Relations Director

Ms. Nichols motioned, Mrs. King seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the letter of explanation of insurance coverage provided from ABMP to meet the statutory requirements for licensure.

2. American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) Professional Liability Insurance Coverage – James Specker, AMTA Government & Industry Relations Director

Ms. Curry motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the letter of explanation of insurance coverage provided from AMTA to meet the statutory requirements for licensure.

Petition for Rule Variance – BR 345-3-.02(2)(c) – Deborah A Roman

The Board tabled discussion for Executive Session.

Ms. Nichols motioned, Mrs. King seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-2 (k); 43-1-19 (h) and 50-14-2 (1) to deliberate on applications, to receive the Attorney General's Report, Enforcement and Cognizant Reports, and to conduct Applicant Interviews. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board Members: Craig Knowles, Pam Nichols, Cindy King and Jane Curry.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, November 22, 2019, 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. October 21, 2019 Executive Board Teleconference Minutes

Ms. Curry motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the October 21, 2019 executive session Board teleconference minutes as presented.

Legal Services MEMO – Case for Closure – MT200030

Ms. Nichols motioned, Mrs. King seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the request to withdraw the application and close the case.

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion

1. MT200033

Mrs. King motioned, Ms. Curry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the request to withdraw the application and close the case.

2. Petition for Rule Variance – BR 345-3-.02(2)(c) – Deborah A Roman

Mrs. King motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the petition for variance of BR 345-3-.02(2)(c) based on sufficient evidence to demonstrate a substantial hardship and issue the license.

Applications for Board Review

Applicant 2807890 Mrs. King motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table discussion and notify applicant that her application does not meet the requirements of Board Rule BR 345-4-.05(2)(c)(ii) to submit a Petition for Rule Waiver or Variance.

Applicant 2825714 Mrs. King motioned, Ms. Curry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to issue the license and flag for CE audit.

Adjournment With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

Minutes reviewed and edited by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director

Minutes approved on: December 13, 2019

CRAIG KNOWLES
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR