

**Georgia Board of Massage Therapy
Investigative Committee Meeting
Open Session Minutes
237 Coliseum Drive – Macon, GA 31217
January 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

Members Present:

Craig Knowles, BCTMB, LMT, CNMT

Staff Present:

Adrienne D. Price, Executive Director
Meagan Doss, Complaints & Compliance Analyst
Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor

Attorney General's Office:

Elizabeth Simpson, Assistant Attorney General

Open Session

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, January 17, 2020 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:

MT200054

Recommendation:

Rescind the previous motion and license with letter of concern regarding a failure to disclose an arrest.

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MT200062

Deny licensure based on a failure to demonstrate qualifications for licensure [O.C.G.A. § -1-19(a)(1)]

MT200063

If the applicant submits proof of liability insurance, issue the license.

MT200064

If the applicant submits proof of liability insurance, issue the license.

MT200010

Close the case.

Discussion Case:

MT190084

Recommendation:

Refer Respondent B. M. to LS for a Public Consent Order and Reprimand for failure to disclose employment history on the application and unlicensed practice from November 1, 2018 to February 8, 2019 with a fine of \$1000 to be paid prior to October 31, 2020 and flag for CE Audit.

Refer Respondent S.M. to the Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Order and Reprimand with a fine of \$500 for aiding and abetting unlicensed practice with the fine to be paid within 90 days of the docket date of the order.

Refer remaining Respondents to the Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Order and Reprimand for advertising violations based upon a failure to display their massage therapy license in accordance with BR 345-6-.01(2)(d) and a failure to inform the board of any change

of address within 30 days [O.C.G.A. § 43-24A-14]. Order to include a fine of \$500 to be paid within 90 days of the docket date. Flag for CE Audit.

- MT200022 Close the case. The Board may reconsider the complaint upon receipt of the outcome of the criminal case.
- MT200047 Refer to the AG's office for a hearing for Revocation of License. Will accept a Voluntary Surrender or a Public Consent Order for Indefinite Suspension for a minimum of 1 year. After 1 year, may petition to lift suspension upon payment in full of \$1500 fine for aiding and abetting ULP, failing on-site inspection of the Board and a failure to inform the board of any change of address within 30 days [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-7(b)(4); 43-24A-14; 43-24A-15]; must complete 50 hours of additional CE which shall include 10 hours of business ethics. CE hours may not be applied towards meeting CE requirements for license renewal. Board may lift the suspension by Consent Order with terms and conditions as deemed necessary by the Board.
- MT200056 Refer the case to Investigations.
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- MT200058 Refer the case to investigations.
- MT200065 Refer the case to investigations.

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 1:06 pm.

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: February 4, 2020

CRAIG KNOWLES
Board President

ADRIENNE PRICE
Executive Director