

GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
Board Teleconference Minutes
Tuesday, February 4, 2020 – 8:30 a.m.

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy met via teleconference on Tuesday, February 4, 2020. 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

Board Members Absent

No members absent.

Visitors Present

No visitors present.

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

Attorney General's Office Present

Melissa Tracy, Assistant Attorney General

Administrative Staff Absent

Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor

Call to Order Mr. Knowles established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:33 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. December 13, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Ms. Nichols motioned, Mrs. King seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the December 13, 2019 open session Board meeting minutes as presented.

2. January 17, 2020 Investigative Committee Meeting Minutes

Ms. Curry motioned, Mrs. King seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the January 17, 2020 investigative committee meeting minutes as amended.

Petition for Rule Waiver – BR 345-4-.02. McCray, Mark – MT006650

Ms. Curry motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition to waive BR 345-4-.02. based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship. Notify applicant of the expiration date of CE taken in 2019. An application for Reinstatement of Licensure must be submitted prior to February 24, 2020 for the hours to apply towards the total necessary to fulfill reinstatement requirements.

Executive Session Minutes

1. December 13, 2019 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Curry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the December 13, 2019 executive session Board meeting minutes as presented.

2. January 17, 2020 Investigative Committee Executive Meeting Minutes

Mrs. King motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the January 17, 2020 investigative committee executive session meeting minutes as amended.

Legal Services MEMO – Cases for Ratification

1. MT200069
2. MT200070
3. MT200071
4. MT200084
5. MT200080

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

Ms. Curry motioned, Ms. Nichols 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 Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 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

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion – MT190130

Mrs. King motioned, Ms. Curry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to send notification to the Respondent indicating that their courses are not accepted in the state of Georgia on the basis that the Respondent does not meet the requirements of Board Rule 345-4-.03(2)(a). The Board further voted to send notification via email out to licensees reminding them of CE Provider requirements as outlined in BR 345-4-.03 and encouraging them to review the "NCBTMB Approved Provider Disciplinary Actions by State" list which is found in the "Education & Other Information" section of the website to ensure that they do not attempt to submit CE coursework from any provider on that list.

Adjournment With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: February 20, 2020

CRAIG KNOWLES
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR