

GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
Board Zoom Meeting Minutes
Friday, August 27, 2021 - 3:30 p.m.

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy met via Zoom meeting on Friday, August 27, 2021. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

No members absent.

Visitors Present

Yvonne Baer
David

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor

Attorney General's Office Present

Melissa Tracy, Assistant Attorney General

Administrative Staff Absent

Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Meagan Doss, Complaint/Compliance Analyst

Call to Order

Mr. Knowles established that a quorum of the Board was present and called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda

The Board accepted the meeting agenda as amended.

Petitions for Rule Variance

1. BR 345-8-.03(6) Jamie Maurek

Mr. Knowles motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance of BR 345-8-.03(6) based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship as the petition is nonspecific.

2. BR 345-8-.01 Denise Wisenbaker

Ms. Curry motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance of BR 345-8-.01 based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

3. BR 345-4-.05(5) Danielle Pates

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Curry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance of BR 345-4-.05(5) as the rule cited is not applicable to the petitioner and the Board does not have the authority to waive a statutory requirement.

4. BR 345-4-.0(1)(a) Laura DeLaNoy MT000138

Ms. Curry motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance of BR 345-4-.0(1)(a) based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship. Consideration of the request is premature as there is over 14 months remaining in the current biennium. If circumstances persist within the 2nd year of the biennium, the petitioner may consider submitting a new petition.

5. BR 345-8-.03(6) - Emily Taylor-Mae Morgason

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Curry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition for variance of BR 345-8-.03(6) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Petition for Rule Waiver – BR 345-4-.05 Marjorie Baer

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-.05 based on an inability to waive statutory requirements as reinstatement is an operation of law and cannot be waived.

Adjournment With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: September 28, 2021

CRAIG KNOWLES
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR