

**Georgia Board of Massage Therapy
Investigative Committee Meeting
Open Session Minutes
Via Zoom
September 24, 2021 9:00 a.m.**

Members Present:

Pam Nichols, LMT, CNMT, HNC, IC Chair
Craig Knowles, BAS, LMT, BCTMB, CNMT

Staff Present:

Adrienne D. Price, Executive Director
Meagan Doss, Complaints & Compliance Analyst

Attorney General's Office:

Elizabeth Simpson, Assistant Attorney General

Open Session

The Investigative Committee of the Georgia Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, September 24, 2021 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Pam Nichols 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, Pam Nichols 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.

Discussion Case:

Recommendation:

2946720

Schedule an investigative interview requiring the Respondent to submit information requested within the timeframe indicated.

MT150036

If not in compliance by date specified, deny renewal, and refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing for Revocation of Licensure or Voluntary Surrender.

MT190117

Close the case.

MT200083

Table pending additional investigation.

MT200089

Table pending additional investigation.

MT200109

Close with a letter of concern regarding posting license in public view referencing B.R. 345-10-.02.

MT210009

Close the case.

MT210015

Close the case.

MT210019

Close the case.

MT210021

Table pending additional investigation.

MT210022

Close the case.

MT210025

Close the case.

MT210030

Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing for Revocation of Licensure for respondents 1 & 2 or a Public Consent Order for Indefinite

Suspension of Licensure with terms and conditions as discussed. Close the case on other Respondents 3, 4, and 5.

MT210042 Close the case.

MT210044 Refer to Georgia State Board of Cosmetology and Barbers and close the case.

MT210046 Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing for a Cease and Desist Order.

MT210052 Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Order and reprimand with terms and conditions as discussed.

MT210053 Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Order and reprimand with terms and conditions as discussed.

MT210058 Close the case.

MT210062 Table pending additional investigation. Once complete, schedule an Investigative Interview with Respondent 1 during the next Investigative Committee meeting.

MT210063 Close the case with a letter of concern regarding advertisements referencing B.R. 345-10-.03(3)

MT210067 Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Order and reprimand with terms and conditions as discussed.

MT210071 Close the case.

MT210077 Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Summary Suspension and a hearing for Revocation of Licensure.

MT210085 Obtain a certified copy of verification from Florida Board. Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Summary Suspension and a hearing for Revocation of Licensure.

MT210091 Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing for a Cease and Desist Order.

MT210106 Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Summary Suspension and a hearing for Revocation of Licensure.

MT210114 Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Summary Suspension and hearing for a Revocation of Licensure. Refer Respondent 2 and 3 to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing for a Cease and Desist Order.

MT210120 Refer Respondents 1, 2, & 3 to the Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Order and a reprimand for aiding and abetting unlicensed practice with terms and conditions as discussed. Refer Respondents 4 and 5 to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing for a Cease and Desist Order.

MT210121 Refer Respondents 1 and 2 to the Attorney General's Office for a Hearing for a Cease and Desist Order. Refer Respondents 3 & 4 to the

Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Order and a reprimand for aiding and abetting unlicensed practice with terms and conditions as discussed.

MT210122

Close the case.

MT220007

Close the case.

MT220029

Send correspondence to the Respondent alerting them that the Board is aware that they may be implementing and enforcing ordinances which may not be in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 43-24A-31. As a result, the Board has voted to forward a copy of the new statutory requirements to increase awareness that the law did change in 2019. Notify the Complainant that they may wish to seek legal counsel for guidance on this matter. Close the case.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:56 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: September 28, 2021

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