

**GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**  
**Board Zoom Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, September 28, 2021 - 8:00 a.m.**

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy met via Zoom meeting on Tuesday, September 28, 2021. The following members were present:

**Board Members Present**

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

**Administrative Staff Present**

Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist

**Attorney General's Office Present**

Melissa Tracy, Senior Assistant Attorney General

**Board Members Absent**

No members absent.

**Administrative Staff Absent**

Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
Charlotte Mason, Licensing Supervisor  
Meagan Doss, Complaints/Compliance Analyst

**Visitors Present**

1 Unidentified caller  
David  
Yvonne Baer

**Call to Order** Mr. Knowles established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Agenda**

Ms. Curry motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Zoom meeting agenda as presented.

**Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Curry seconded, and the Board voted 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 receive and review information pertaining to applications, pending cases investigative reports and enforcement matters and to receive the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members: Craig Knowles, Pam Nichols, and Jane Curry.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 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**

**Open Session Minutes**

- 1. August 13, 2021 Open Session Zoom Meeting Minutes**
- 2. August 27, 2021 Open Session Zoom Meeting Minutes**
- 3. September 24, 2021 Open Session Investigative Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Curry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the August 13, 2021, 2021 Open Session Zoom Meeting Minutes, August 27, 2021 Open Session Zoom Meeting Minutes, and the September 24, 2021 Open Session Investigative Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Executive Session Minutes**

- 1. August 13, 2021 Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes**
- 2. August 27, 2021 Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes**
- 3. September 24, 2021 Executive Session Investigative Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Curry motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the August 13, 2021, 2021 Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes, August 27, 2021 Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes, and the September 24, 2021 Executive Session Investigative Committee Zoom Meeting Minutes as presented.

**Investigative Committee Report – P. Nichols**

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Curry seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session:

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| <b>Applicant 2946720</b> | Schedule an Investigative Interview requiring the Respondent to submit information requested within the timeframe indicated.   |
| <b>MT150036</b>          | 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.  |
| <b>MT190117</b>          | Close the case.  |
| <b>MT200083</b>          | Table pending additional investigation.  |
| <b>MT200089</b>          | Table pending additional investigation.  |
| <b>MT200109</b>          | Close with a Letter of Concern regarding posting license in public view referencing B.R. 345-10-.02.   |
| <b>MT210009</b>          | Close the case.  |
| <b>MT210015</b>          | Close the case.  |
| <b>MT210019</b>          | Close the case.  |
| <b>MT210021</b>          | Table pending additional investigation.  |
| <b>MT210022</b>          | Close the case.  |
| <b>MT210025</b>          | Close the case.  |
| <b>MT210030</b>          | 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. |
| <b>MT210042</b>          | Close the case.  |
| <b>MT210044</b>          | Refer to Georgia State Board of Cosmetology and Barbers and close the case.  |
| <b>MT210046</b>          | Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing for a Cease and Desist Order.   |
| <b>MT210052</b>          | Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Order and reprimand with terms and conditions as discussed.  |
| <b>MT210053</b>          | Refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Order and reprimand with terms and conditions as discussed.  |
| <b>MT210058</b>          | 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 in regard to 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.
- MT210091** Refer 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.

Ms. Curry motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action and that the license should be summarily suspended for the following cases:

- 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.
- 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.

**Miscellaneous Executive Discussion**

Ms. Curry motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion for the Board Cognizants to request investigative information and records from national organizations for the Board to review on complaints and applications.

**Adjournment** With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 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:** October 29, 2021

**CRAIG KNOWLES**  
**BOARD CHAIR**

**ADRIENNE PRICE**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**