

GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
Board Zoom Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 17, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy met via Zoom meeting on Wednesday, November 17, 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

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Meagan Doss, Complaints/Compliance Analyst

Board Members Absent

No members absent.

Attorney General's Office Present

Melissa Tracy, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

No visitors present.

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 1:08 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda

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

Ms. Curry motioned, Ms. Nichols 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. 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 Wednesday, November 17, 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

Executive Session Minutes – October 29, 2021 Executive Session Zoom Meeting Minutes

Ms. Curry motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the October 29, 2021 executive session zoom meeting minutes as presented.

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion MT210085

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Curry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the previous motion and table pending additional investigation.

Legal Services MEMO – Cases for Ratification

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

1. MT220046
2. MT220048

Application for Board Review – Applicant 2933519

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Curry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement with a fine of \$500 for unlicensed practice from December 1, 2020 – February 4, 2021. Fine to be paid within 90 days of order docket date and flag or CE audit.

OPEN SESSION

Open Session Minutes – October 29, 2021 Open Session Zoom Meeting Minutes

Ms. Curry motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the October 29, 2021 open session zoom meeting minutes as presented.

Petitions for Rule Variance

1. BR 345-3-.02(2)(c) – Lesha Yarbrough

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Curry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition to waive BR 345-3-.02(2)(c) based upon the fact that the petitioner has failed to establish that the purpose of the underlying statute upon which the rule is based can be or has been achieved by other specific means.

2. BR 345-4-.05(5) – Danielle I. Pates

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(5) based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

3. BR 345-08.03(6)(a) – Danielle Irene Pates

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Curry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to grant the petition to waive BR 345-08.03(6)(a) based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Petitions for Rule Waiver

1. BR 345-4-.05 – April Ross

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-.05 based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

2. BR 345-8-.01 – Faith Rosharon Dent

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

Adjournment With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Minutes approved on: December 3, 2021

CRAIG KNOWLES
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR