

**GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**  
**Board WebEx Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, August 26, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.**

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy met via WebEx on Monday, August 26, 2024. 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  
Stephanie Bone', LMT, BWS, LDS, CR, Board Member

**Administrative Staff Present**

Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor  
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist  
Donna Richardson, Licensing/Complaint Analyst  
Donna Hammond, Licensing Analyst

**Board Members Absent**

Dan Nichols, LMT, NMT, Board Member

**Attorney General's Office Present**

Craig Pake, Assistant Attorney General

**Visitors Present**

Latrisha Davis  
Michael Martin  
Call-In User 3  
Jessica  
Joshua Whaley  
Kelly  
Mattie Bearden  
Renee Evers  
Steven Turner  
Dwan Ashe  
Stephanie Jones  
Ashley Hernandez, Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB), Government Relations Manager

**Call to Order** Mr. Knowles established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**OPEN SESSION**

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

**Petitions for Rule Waiver**

**1. BR 295-2-.16 & BR 345-4-.01 Steven Turner\_MT011991**

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Bone' seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion to deny the petition to waive BR 345-4-.01, based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship and by operation of law which requires a biennial renewal fee; and deny the petition to waive BR 295-1-.16 as the Board has no authority to waive a Joint Secretary Rule.

**2. BR 345-5-.05(2)(c)(ii) Heather Michelle English**

Ms. Bone' motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion to grant the petition to waive BR 345-4-.05(2)(c)(ii), based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

**Applicant 4151317 - Ratify Approval of Curriculum Change for addition of 600 HR Program**

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Bone' seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion to ratify the approval of the massage therapy education program curriculum change.

**Discussion – Board Requirements for Accepting Transfer hours**

Ms. Bone' motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion to send out an email blast to all approved massage therapy educational programs in the state of Georgia for the purpose of reminding schools what is required for those who apply to their programs desiring transfer credits. The notices will ensure all interested parties are on the same page regarding transcript requirements and what are acceptable hours from other programs. It will also protect the schools and the students by reminding them to review the Board Rules and develop an understanding of what is acceptable for transfer hours should they be in that position.

Pam Nichols left the meeting at 9:24 a.m. with a quorum of the Board still present.

**Adjournment** With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

**Minutes recorded by:** Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist  
**Minutes reviewed and edited by:** Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor & Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
**Minutes approved on:** September 16, 2024

CRAIG KNOWLES  
**BOARD CHAIR**

ADRIENNE PRICE  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**