

GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
Board WebEx Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 16, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy met via WebEx on Monday, September 16, 2024. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Craig Knowles, BAS, LMT, BCTMB, CNMT, Chair
Jane Boyles Curry, Consumer Board Member
Dan Nichols, LMT, NMT, 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 Hammond, Licensing/Complaint Analyst
Donna Richardson, Licensing/Complaint Analyst

Board Members Absent

Pam Nichols, LMT, CNMT, HNC, Vice Chair

Attorney General's Office Present

Craig Pake, Assistant Attorney General

Visitors Present

Melissa Emkey
Christi H
Sharon Wills

Call to Order Mr. Knowles established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

Ms. Bone' motioned, Mr. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion 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, Jane Curry, Stephanie Bone', and Dan Nichols.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, September 16, 2024, 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

- 1. August 9, 2024 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes**
- 2. August 26, 2024 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Bone' motioned, Mr. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion to accept the August 9, 2024 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes, and the August 26, 2024 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes as presented.

Applications for Board Review – Applicant 4056745

Mr. Nichols motioned, Ms. Bone' seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion to deny based on failure to meet the requirements of BR 345-08-.03(6)(a).

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Petitions for Rule Waiver

- 1. Rule Waiver BR 345-5-.05_Kayla Bunch MT011263**

Ms. Bone’ motioned, Mr. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion to grant the petition to waive BR 345-5-.05, based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

- 2. Rule Variance BR 345-4-.02_Donald Dunlap MT000058**

Mr. Nichols motioned, Ms. Bone’ seconded, and the Board voted in favor of the motion to grant the petition to vary BR 345-4-.02, based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

Adjournment With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 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: **October 25, 2024**

CRAIG KNOWLES
BOARD CHAIR

ADRIENNE PRICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF BIBB

**AFFIDAVIT SUPPORTING CLOSING OF
PUBLIC MEETING**

The Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 *et seq.*, requires that all meetings of an entity covered by the statute must be open to the public unless there is some specific statutory exception which permits the closing of the meeting. If such a meeting is to be closed, the law requires that the presiding person execute a sworn affidavit stating that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the statutory exceptions and identifying those specific exceptions relied upon. O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b). A copy of this affidavit must be filed with the minutes of the meeting in question.

Comes now Craig Knowles the presiding officer identified below and, before an official duly authorized to administer oaths, makes this affidavit in satisfaction of the statutory requirements outlined above.

1. I am the presiding officer of the Georgia Massage Therapy Board.
2. I am over the age of 18 and in all other aspects competent to make this sworn statement. I acknowledge that I am giving this statement under oath and penalty of perjury and that I have read the contents of this affidavit prior to signing it.
3. On, Sept 16, 2024 this entity, which is subject to the Open Meetings Act, met. A majority of the quorum of the members present voted to close the meeting or a portion thereof for the following indicated reason(s). I hereby certify that during the closed portion of the meeting, only those subjects indicated below were discussed. I also certify that I have reviewed the exceptions provided under the Open Meetings Act that may permit the closing of a meeting and that, to the best of my knowledge, the reasons I have described in detail below meet the requirements for closing this public meeting.
4. The legal authority for the closure of this meeting was:
O.C.G.A. §43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h)
5. The subject(s) discussed and the underlying facts supporting the closing of this meeting are:
To deliberate applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications and investigative reports.

FURTHER THE AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

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Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 22 day of October 2024

Leona Mims
Notary Public

