

GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
Board WebEx Open Session Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 28, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy met via WebEx on Friday, February 28, 2025. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Stephanie Bone', LMT, BWS, LDS, CR, Board Member

Visitors Present

Sharon Remaly
Mykenzie Francis, Alpha School of Massage
Cecelia Brown
Call in User 1
Call in User 2
Call-in User 4
Call-in User 5
Call-in User 6
Call in User 7
Call in User 8
Call-in User 11
Call-in User 12
Call-in User 15
Beth
Cassandra Almand
Kristen Brannon
Emma Mosely
Monaiye Buchannon
Ofelia Sierra
Seth Dinkel, Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB)
Cann
James Riggins, Director of Student Services, Alpha School of Massage
Adam Driggers, Alpha School of Massage
Erin Haden, Associated Bodywork & Massage Professionals (ABMP)
Maria Watkins
Terri Barton, Chair of Government Relations, AMTA-GA
Prissilla Cooper
Maria Watkins
Melanie Beaver, Beaver Beauty Academy

Administrative Staff Present

Adrienne Price, Executive Director
Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist
Donna Richardson, Complaint Analyst
Demetrice Byron, Licensing Analyst
Sherry Strong, Complaint/Compliance Analyst

Attorney General's Office Present

Craig Pake, Assistant Attorney General

Call to Order Mr. Knowles established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

Agenda

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

Mr. Nichols motioned, Ms. 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, Pam Nichols, Jane Boyles Curry, and Dan Nichols.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, February 28, 2025, 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

Scheduled Board Appointments

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

9:30 a.m. Applicant 4109910

Rescind previous motion and refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure with a fine of \$250 for unlicensed practice. Fine to be paid within 90 days of order docket date. Flag for Audit.

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

10:00/10:30 a.m. MT250129

Table pending additional information as discussed in Executive Session.

Executive Session Minutes

- 1. December 6, 2024 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes**
- 2. January 10, 2025 Executive Session Investigative Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Nichols motioned, Ms. Curry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the December 6, 2024 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes, and the January 10, 2025 Executive Session Investigative Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Attorney General’s Report – C. Pake

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

- 1. MT180062** Rescind the previous motion and close the case.
- 2. MT230125** Accept the final decision as received and close the case.
- 3. MT230123** Accept the final decision as received.
- 4. MT240028** Deny application for reinstatement based on failure to meet the requirements of BR 345-4-.05(2)(c)(ii) and close the case.
- 5. MT230053** Rescind the previous motion and close the case with a Letter of Concern regarding false attestation and timely completion of CE within the biennium.

6. **MT250216** If the student was enrolled on or before March 31, 2024, issue the license if all requirements are met. If enrolled after March 31, 2024, present to the Board for review.

7. **Applicant 4150354** Schedule for Applicant Interview during the April 11, 2025 meeting

8. **MT250132, MT250133, MT250134, MT250135 & MT250136**

Refer to Attorney General's Office for Revocation of licensure based on unprofessional conduct and sexual misconduct [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(6) & (8), BR 345-6-.04(1)(i) & (2)(i)].

Mr. Nichols motioned, Ms. Curry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Attorney General's Report and advice as presented.

Legal Services MEMO

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

1. Cases for Ratification

- a) **MT250180**
- b) **MT250007**
- c) **MT250192**
- d) **MT250194**
- e) **MT250199**
- f) **MT250200**

Accept orders as received.

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:

2. Requests for Reconsideration

- a) **MT250168** Rescind previous motion and refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure with a fine of \$250 for unlicensed practice. Fine to be paid within 90 days of order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- b) **MT250201** Rescind the previous motion and renew the license.
- c) **MT250198** Uphold previous motion. Flag for Audit
- d) **MT250195** Uphold previous motion. Flag for Audit.
- e) **MT250197** Rescind the previous motion and renew the license.

Investigative Committee Summary Report – P. Nichols

- MT230143** Refer to the Attorney General's Office to provide to the Human Trafficking Prosecution Unit.
- MT240033** Request an Investigative Interview with Respondent providing additional information as discussed.
- MT240040** Uphold the previous motion.
- MT240059** Accept the Cease-and-Desist Order. If Respondent applies for licensure, board review is required. Refer the case to Attorney General's Office to draft a notice to the business owner as discussed.
- MT240078** Issue a Letter of Concern to Respondent 2 regarding aiding and abetting unlicensed practice.
- MT250129** Request an Investigative Interview for Respondent 1 & Respondent 2 before the full Board.
- MT250136** Close the case against Respondent 1. Table decision on Respondent 2 pending additional investigation.
- MT250150** Close the case.

- MT250153** Refer to the Attorney’s General’s Office for a Revocation of Licensure or a Voluntary Surrender of Licensure based on unprofessional conduct and sexual misconduct [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(6) & (8), BR 345-6-.04(1)(i) & (2)(i)].
- MT250155** Refer to the Attorney’s Generals Office for a Public Consent Order and public reprimand for unprofessional conduct.

Mr. Nichols motioned, Ms. Curry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Investigative Committee Summary Report as presented.

Cognizant Report

- MT250180**
MT250179

Mr. Nichols motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Cognizant recommendations as presented.

Applications for Board Review

Applications (Initial)

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

- Applicant 4189716** If all education requirements are met, refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Licensure with a fine of \$500 for practicing without a license. Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

Arrests

- Applicant 4143764** Deny licensure based on criminal history [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(1), (2), (6), and (8); and 43-1-19(q)(1) & (2)]. And refer to FSMTB to review for policy violation.
- Applicant4216249** Issue the license.
- Applicant 4074441** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to disclose arrest history. Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4212424** Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding failure to disclose all arrest history.
- Applicant 4212154** Issue the license.
- Applicant 4172244** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for false attestation. Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4182556** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for aiding and abetting unlicensed practice. Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

Massage Therapy Educational Programs

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

- Applicant 4216305** Table pending receipt of a sample transcript demonstrating transfer hours and in accordance with BR 345-8-.01; online classwork and assignments are not allowed in a

board recognized program in Georgia. Must submit an amended student handbook to remove the allowance of any online classwork or assignments.

- Applicant 4198676** Under the authority granted by O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-7(b)(9) & (10), deny the license based on prior history with the Board, and failure to disclose previous disciplinary action, O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a) (1), (2), (5), (6), and (8).
- Applicant 4214962** Table pending Applicant Interview.
- Applicant 4214966** Table pending receipt of a letter of explanation addressing the discrepancy between the application response and the student handbook.
- Applicant 4215000** Table pending additional information.
- Applicant 4215032** Renew the license.
- Applicant 4217145** Renew the license.
- Applicant 4218037** If all requirements met, renew with a Reservation of Rights notice based on outstanding complaint case.
- Applicant 4218636** Renew the license.
- Applicant 4215080** Renew the license.
- Applicant 4220454** Issue the license.
- Applicant 4214972** Renew the license.

Renewals

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

Inactive Status

- Applicant 4213077** Deny based on violation of BR 345-4-.04(1).

Arrests / Sanctions

- Applicant 4188775** Deny renewal and refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing for Revocation of Licensure based on criminal history, failure to disclose treatment for polysubstance abuse on the initial application and at renewal and failing to complete continuing education related to the practice of massage therapy [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(2),(6),&(8) and BR 345-4-.02(1)].
- Applicant 4171496** Deny renewal and refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing for Revocation of Licensure based on criminal history, attestation to maintaining liability insurance, failure to maintain insurance, and failure to meet CE requirements in accordance with Board Rule [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(2),(4),(6),&(8) and BR 345-4-.02]. Refer CE Provider to NCBTMB for false representation of being an NCBTMB Approved Provider.
- Applicant 4177376** Renew the license with a Letter of Concern regarding violations of law [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(8)].

Applicant 4198577 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to disclose as required by law. Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4208043 Deny renewal and refer to the Attorney General's Office for a hearing for Revocation of Licensure based on unprofessional conduct and sexual misconduct [O.C.G.A. 43-1-19(a)(4), & (6) and BR 345-6-.01(1)(i)].

CE Audit / COI

Applicant 4189663 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$1500 for false attestation regarding CE requirements, failure to complete the required CE, and failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Must complete 12 hours of in-person CE within 90 days of the order docket date. Fine to be paid in full on or before October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4197097 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c), and failure to complete CE as required by October 31, 2024. Fine to be paid in full on or before October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4206759 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$1000 for falsely attesting to meeting the insurance requirements in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c) and failure to complete CE on or before October 31, 2024 as required. Fine to be paid in full on or before October 31, 2025. CE taken in November and December of 2024 may not be used to meet CE requirements for the biennium ending December 31, 2026. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4208616 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$1000 for falsely attesting to meeting the insurance requirements in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c) and failure to complete CE on or before October 31, 2024 as required. Fine to be paid in full on or before October 31, 2025. CE taken in November and December of 2024 may not be used to meet CE requirements for the biennium ending December 31, 2026. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4208661 Renew with a Letter of Concern regarding failure to complete CE requirements by October 31, 2024.

Applicant 4173685 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$1000 for false attestation and failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid in full on or before October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4153116 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(8) and 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4162118 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(8) and 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4166142 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$2000 for making a false attestation on the renewal application regarding CE

requirements, failing to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(8) and 43-24A-14(c), and failure to meet CE requirements as required by Board Rules. Must provide proof of professional liability insurance upon signing the order. Must submit proof of 15 CE hours with 12 hours being hands-on CE within 90 days of the order docket date. Fine to be paid in full on or before October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4167951 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(8) and 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 416900 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(8) and 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4169377 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$1000 for false attestation, and failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with by O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(8) and 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid by October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4169507 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(8) and 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4172102 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$1000 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(8) and 43-24A-14(c), and false attestation. Fine to be paid by October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4172674 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(8) and 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4174468 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a public reprimand and fine of \$1000 for false attestation on the renewal application regarding professional liability insurance, and for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(8) and 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid in full on or before October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4174859 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(8) and 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4174916 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance as required in O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(8) and 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4177247 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure to include a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(8) and 43-24A-14(c). Must submit proof of compliance with the

professional liability insurance requirement in compliance with the law upon signing of the order. Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

- Applicant 4177974** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$1000 for false attestation regarding professional liability insurance and failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(8) and 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid in full on or before October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4178640** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$1000 for false attestation on the renewal application regarding insurance and failure to maintain insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(8) and 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid on or before October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4179339** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$1000 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(8) and 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid in full on or before October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4180216** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$1000 for false attestation regarding professional liability insurance and failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(8) and 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid in full on or before October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4180694** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(8) and 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4181356** Renew the license with a Letter of Concern regarding violations of O.C.G.A. § 43-24A-8(8) by allowing insurance to lapse from October 3, 2024 to October 27, 2024.
- Applicant 4181596** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance as required by O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(8) and 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4183282** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-24A-8(8). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4184676** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-24A-8(8). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4184814** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-24A-8(b)(8). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4185452** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Must provide proof of current Certificate of Insurance upon signing of the order and prior to renewal of license. Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

- Applicant 4185685** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$1000 for false attestation regarding professional liability insurance and failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid in full by October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4185729** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Must provide proof of professional liability upon signing of the order and prior to renewal of license. Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4185817** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$1000 for false attestation regarding professional liability insurance and failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid in full on or before October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4185835** Renew the license with a Letter of Concern regarding violations of O.C.G.A. § 43-24A-8(8) by allowing insurance to lapse from October 3, 2024 to October 27, 2024.
- Applicant 4185918** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4186171** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Must provide proof of professional liability insurance upon signing of the order and prior to renewal of license. Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4187223** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$1000 for false attestation regarding professional liability insurance and failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid in full on or before October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4187265** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4188723** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4199081** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4191157** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$1000 for false attestation regarding professional liability insurance and failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid in full on or before October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

- Applicant 4197854** Refer to Legal Services to a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4198257** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4207042** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4208108** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$1000 for false attestation regarding professional liability insurance and failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid in full on or before October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4209365** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4189323** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$2000 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c), false attestation regarding CE requirements and insurance, and failure to meet CE requirements. Must complete 24 hours of CE, 12 of which must be hands on, within 90 days of the docket date of the order. Fine to be paid in full on or before October 31, 2025. CEs submitted to meet the order requirements may not be used to meet CE requirements for the biennium ending October 31, 2026. Flag for Audit.

Transcript Review

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

- Applicant 4214787** Deny based on failure to meet licensure requirements [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(1) & 43-24A-8(b)(6)].
- Applicant 4170005** Deny based on failure to meet the requirements of BR 345-8-.01 and BR 345-08-.03(6)(a).
- Applicant 4189437** Issue the license.
- Applicant 4185918** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Fine to be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4175052** Table pending additional information. If received, renew the license. If not received, refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to meet CE requirements, must complete 12 hours of board approved CE online and pay the fine within 90 days of the docket date of the order. Flag for Audit.

OPEN SESSION

Open Session Minutes

- 1. December 6, 2024 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes**
- 2. January 10, 2025 Open Session Investigative Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Curry motioned, Mr. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the December 6, 2024 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes, and the January 10, 2025 Open Session Investigative Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Licenses to Ratify: November 27, 2024 – February 21, 2025

Mr. Nichols motioned, Ms. Curry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to ratify the licenses by application and by reinstatement that were issued in accordance with Board Rules and Policies between Board meetings.

Discussion – National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB)

- 1. 01-01-25 Approved Provider Disciplinary Actions by State**
- 2. 01-01-25 Certificant Disciplinary Actions by State**
- 3. 02-01-25 Approved Provider Disciplinary Report**
- 4. 02-01-25 Certification Disciplinary Report**

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to NCBTMB, as information.

Discussion – Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB)

- 1. In Touch E-Newsletter January 2025**
- 2. Exam System Under Maintenance Starting March 1, 2025**

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to FSMTB, as information.

Petitions for Rule Waiver

- 1. BR 345-4-.05(2)(c)(ii) Malissa LaNette Anderson**

Ms. Nichols motioned, Mr. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted unanimously 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.

- 2. BR 345-4-.02 Catherine Fowler, MT001263**

Mr. Nichols motioned, Ms. Curry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to table pending additional information. If received, grant the petition based on sufficient evidence to substantiate a hardship. If not received, deny the petition based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a hardship.

Petition for Rule Variance – BR 345-4-.01 & BR 345-4-.02 Melanie Johnson, MT005472

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-.01 & BR 345-4-.02 as the license has lapsed and petitioner is no longer under the jurisdiction of the Board.

Executive Director’s Report – A. Price

The Executive Director’s Report presented the Board with statistical data relevant to the processing of applications, the number of licensees, to include massage therapy programs, board meeting statistics, and complaints/compliance matters. In addition, the report addressed the following topic of interest with the Board:

- Annual Ethics Commission Affidavit of Public Officer Filings
- PLB Updates
- Rules Hearing
- MTLD
- Georgia General Assembly

Ms. Nichols motioned, Mr. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Executive Director’s Report as presented.

Board’s Chair Report – C. Knowles

No official report presented.

Mr. Nichols motioned, Ms. Curry 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, Pam Nichols, Jane Boyles Curry, and Dan Nichols.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, February 28, 2025, 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

Applicant 4133468 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 Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$1500 for false attestation on the renewal application regarding CE requirements, failure to maintain professional liability insurance as required by law, and failure to meet CE requirements as required by Board Rules. Must submit proof of 12 hands-on CE hours within 90 days of the order docket date. Fine to be paid in full on or before October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

Adjournment With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.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: April 11, 2025

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, Feb 28 2025 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

[Signature]
Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 25 day of March 2025

Leona Mims
Notary Public

