

GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
Board WebEx Open Session Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 11, 2025 - 9:00 a.m.

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy met via WebEx on Friday, April 11, 2025. The following members were present:

Board Members Present

Craig Knowles, BAS, LMT, BCTMB, CNMT, Chair
Dan Nichols, LMT, NMT, Vice Chair
Jane Boyles Curry, Consumer Board Member
Stephanie Bone', LMT, BWS, LDS, CR, Board Member

Board Members Absent

Pam Nichols, LMT, CNMT, HNC, Board Member

Visitors Present

Donna Harvey
Peter Erdman
Mykenzie Francis, Alpha School of Massage
Dr. Melanie Beaver, Beaver Beauty Academy
Crystal Ashton
Lauren Davis
Javier Pico Prats
Yan Li
Blakely Kelley
Haiyan Wang
Victor Ramirez-Lampe
Call-in User 1
Call-in User 2
Seth Dinkel, Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB)
Beth

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 9:00 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

Mr. Nichols motioned, Ms. Bone' 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, Dan Nichols, Jane Boyles Curry, and Stephanie Bone'.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, April 11, 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. Bone’ seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following recommendations made in Executive Session:

- 9:30 a.m. Applicant 4214962** Table pending additional information. Refer to Cognizant for review. If requirements are met, renew the license. If the requirements are not met, present to the Board to deny the renewal of the license and refer to the Attorney General’s Office for revocation based on failure to meet requirements.
- 10:00 a.m. Applicant 4150354** Uphold previous motion to deny, noting the correct basis for action is relative to O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-19(a)(2), (6), & (7).
- 10:30 a.m. Applicant 4143764** Uphold previous motion to deny.
- 11:00 a.m. Applicant 4075312** Rescind the previous motion and refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a Public Consent Agreement for Licensure based on criminal history with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.

Executive Session Minutes

- 1. February 28, 2025 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes**
- 2. March 14, 2025 Executive Session Investigative Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Bone’ motioned, Mr. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the February 28, 2025 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes, and the March 14, 2025 Executive Session Investigative Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Attorney General’s Report – C. Pake

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 – Cases for Ratification

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. MT250245**
- 2. MT250223**
- 3. MT250222**
- 4. MT250230**
- 5. MT250243**

Accept orders as received.

Investigative Committee Summary Report – P. Nichols

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

- MT250140** Close the case on the Respondent P.G. with a Letter of Concern regarding display of license.
- MT240033** Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a Public Consent Order with terms as discussed.
- MT210117** Table pending additional information. If received, close the case and renew the license. If not received, refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal with terms as discussed.

MT180157 Refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a Public Consent Order with terms as discussed.
MT220104 Uphold previous Board decision.
MT230080 Close the case.
MT230082 Close the case.
MT240044 Close the case.
MT250151 Request an Investigative Interview.
MT250173 Close the case.

Miscellaneous Executive Discussion – FSMTB Invalidated MBLEx Results 03.04.2025

Mr. Nichols motioned, Ms. Bone’ seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer those on the list who are licensed in the state of Georgia to the Attorney General’s Office for revocation or voluntary surrender based on invalidated MBLEx scores.

Applications for Board Review

Appeal of Denial

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 4112185** Uphold previous motion to deny based on failure to meet educational requirements.
- Applicant 4170005** Table pending additional information. If received, issue the license. If not provided, uphold the previous motion.
- Applicant 4208237** Rescind the previous motion and approve inactive status application.

Arrests

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

- Applicant 4085956** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Licensure with a fine of \$500 for failure to disclose 2014 arrest on the application. Fine to be paid upon signing of the order and before a license can be issued. Flag for Audit.

Transcript Review

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

- Applicant 4144888** Deny based on failure to meet educational requirements.
- Applicant 4109470** Issue the license.
- Applicant 4112314** Deny based on failure to meet educational requirements.
- Applicant 4116188** Deny based on failure to meet educational requirements.
- Applicant 4172573** Deny based on failure to meet education requirements.
- Applicant 4179401** Issue the license.
- Applicant 4191403** Issue the license.
- Applicant 4206947** Deny based on failure to meet education requirements.

Endorsement

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

- Applicant 4160702** Issue the license.
- Applicant 4165903** Deny based on failure to meet education requirements.
- Applicant 4165802** Deny based on failure to meet education requirements.
- Applicant 4210175** Issue the license.

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 4205218** Issue the license.
- Applicant 2855318** Approve the faculty amendment.
- Applicant 4216305** Issue the license.
- Applicant 4239333** Table pending final inspection and approval of the new location by the Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission. If approved, issue the license. If not approved, deny licensure based on failure to meet statutory requirements for board recognition.
- Applicant 4153582** Table pending further investigation.
- Applicant 4231777** Renew the license for the Brunswick Campus. Program must submit a new application for program licensure to offer the massage therapy education program on the Waycross Campus.

Reinstatement

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

- Applicant 4217894** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal 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 must be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4171400** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for License Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$1000 for unlicensed practice from 2022-2024. Fine must be paid in full on or before October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4188075** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for License Reinstatement of Licensure with a fine of \$5000 for unlicensed practice from 2018 to present. Fine to be paid in installments of \$100 per month until fine is paid in full. Flag for Audit.

Renewals

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:

Arrests / Sanctions

Applicant 4198577 Rescind the previous motion and table pending receipt of a certified copy of the arrest warrant for the 2023 offense. If received as requested, renew the license with a Reservation of Rights letter for the 2023 arrest.

CE

Applicant 4178562 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain continuing education as required by law. Fine must be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4182569 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$1000 for false attestation regarding CE requirements, and failure to maintain professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Fine must be paid in full by October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

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Applicant 4155320 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$1000 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 provide proof of insurance upon request. Fine must be paid in full by October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4162687 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal 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 4163227 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal 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 4164205 Renew with a Letter of Concern regarding maintenance of insurance as required by law. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4169524 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal 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 must be paid in full by October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4169961 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal 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). Must provide proof of professional liability insurance upon signing the order before the license may be renewed. Fine to be paid on or before October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4171196 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal 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 by October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4173614 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renew 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 by October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4177645 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renew 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 4177805 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renew 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 by October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4178550 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal 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 by October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4179495 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal 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 by October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4179835 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal 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 by October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4182598 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal 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 4186505 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal 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). Must provide proof of professional liability insurance upon signing the order before the license may be renewed. Fine to be paid by October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4187904 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal 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 4189004 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal 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 4189288 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal 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 4189427 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renew 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 4192188 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal 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 tot be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4193798 Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renew 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 4205702 Table pending receipt of a certificate of insurance that meets statutory requirements. Once received, renew the license with a Letter of Concern regarding maintenance of professional liability insurance in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(8) & 43-24A-14(c). Flag for Audit.

Applicant 4170492 Rescind the previous motion on case MT170094 and close the case. Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a Public Reprimand and 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) for this renewal. Fine to be paid by October 31, 2025. Flag for Audit.

MT250188 Issue the license with a Letter of Concern regarding maintenance of insurance with stipulations as discussed.

OPEN SESSION

Open Session Minutes

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Licenses to Ratify: February 22, 2025 – April 3, 2025

Mr. Nichols motioned, Ms. Bone' 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.

Correspondence – South Piedmont Community College MT Program, Elan Schacter

Ms. Bone' motioned, Ms. Curry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to thank the writer for their email and to notify them that they must submit a massage therapy education program application for to the Board for in order for the Board to provide a response to the inquiry.

Correspondence – House Bill 232 Letter of Support for Impact, Crista Shumaker

The Board accepts the correspondence in reference to HB 232 as information.

Correspondence – Business Registration For Clinical Massage School, Dr. Cynthia Seebacher, D.C.

Mr. Nichols motioned, Ms. Curry seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to notify the writer that the Board has no authority over city and county municipalities as it relates to applying for a business license within their jurisdiction; therefore, it is recommended that the writer consider consulting their own legal counsel for advice in this matter.

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

1. 03-01-25 Approved Provider Disciplinary Actions by State
2. 03-01-25 Certificant Disciplinary Actions by State

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

Petition for Rule Waiver

1. BR 345-4-.05(c)(ii)_Kelly Chase

Mr. Nichols motioned, Ms. Bone’ 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.

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
- MTLTD
- Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards Member Board Executive Summit – Scottsdale, AZ
- Georgia General Assembly

Ms. Curry 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.

Adjournment With no further business to be discussed, the meeting was adjourned at 3:34 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: June 13, 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 Massage 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, April 11 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

Presiding Officer

Sworn and subscribed before me
This 11 day of April 2025

Leona Mims
Notary Public

