

**GEORGIA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**  
**Board WebEx Open Session Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, April 10, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.**

The Georgia Board of Massage Therapy met via WebEx on Friday, April 10, 2026. 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  
Tiffany Henderson, LMT, Board Member

**Board Members Absent**

No members absent.

**Visitors Present**

Wachena Woodward  
Call-In User 1  
Doug Crowdis  
Kevin Douglas  
Elise Baine, Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB)  
Osarietinme Adenomo  
Tanya Jackson-Zepherin  
Kristin Gray

**Administrative Staff Present**

Adrienne Price, Executive Director  
Meagan Doss, Licensing Supervisor  
Michelle Hornaday, Board Support Specialist  
Demetrice Byron, Licensing Analyst  
LaTavia Bearden, Complaint/Compliance Analyst  
Konkista Ellison, Temporary Employee

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

**Ms. Curry motioned, Ms. Henderson 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 Curry, and Tiffany Henderson.**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, April 10, 2026, 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 Appearances**

**9:30 a.m. Applicant 4192132**

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Henderson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to rescind the previous motion and refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$250 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 the order before the license may be renewed. Fine must be paid in full 90 days from order docket date. Flag for Audit.

**10:00 a.m. Applicant 4195662**

Ms. Henderson motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to uphold the previous motion to deny.

**Executive Session Minutes – February 27, 2026 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes and IC**

Ms. Henderson motioned, Mr. Knowles seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the February 27, 2026 Executive Session WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented.

**Attorney General’s Report – C. Pake**

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

1. **Official AG Opinion – Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA)** Accept as presented.
2. **AG MEMO – Question on Voiding Provisional Permits** Accept as presented.
3. **AG MEMO – MT230004** Refer to Investigations to conduct a TLO and hand-serve the Cease & Desist Order.
4. **AG MEMO – MT250177** Close case due to insufficient evidence.
5. **AG MEMO – MT230083** Table pending legal advice.
6. **AG MEMO – MT250155** Rescind the previous motion and refer to the Attorney General’s Office for a Public Consent Order and public reprimand for unprofessional conduct with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.

Ms. Henderson motioned, Ms. Nichols 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**

**1. Cases for Ratification**

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Henderson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the following orders as received.

- a) **MT260043**
- b) **MT260228**
- c) **MT260215**
- d) **MT260183**
- e) **MT260223**
- f) **MT260241**
- g) **MT260216**
- h) **MT260222**
- i) **MT260236**
- j) **MT260234**
- k) **MT260230**
- l) **MT260239**
- m) **MT260232**

Accept orders as received.

## 2. Requests for Reconsideration

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

- a) **MT260238** Rescind previous motion and refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for Renewal of Licensure with a fine of \$500 for false attestation concerning the CE question and failure to meet CE requirements in accordance with Board rules. Fine must be paid 90 days from order docket date. CE taken to fulfill terms of the order cannot be applied to current or future biennium.
- b) **MT260243** Rescind previous motion, close the case, and reinstate the license with a Letter of Concern regarding advertising.
- d) **MT260188** Rescind previous motion, close the case, and renew the license with a Letter of Concern regarding failure to maintain professional liability insurance.
- f) **MT260237** Rescind previous motion, close the case, and renew the license.
- g) **MT260233** Uphold previous motion.
- h) **MT260242** Uphold previous motion.

## 3. Closure Due to Refusal – MT260159

Ms. Henderson motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to refer to the Attorney General’s Office public consent order for renewal with \$500 fine for failure to maintain professional liability insurance coverage. Fine to be paid within 90 days of docket date of Order.

### Investigative Committee Summary Report – P. Nichols

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

- MT190022** Close the case with a Letter of Concern to Respondent 1 and Respondent 2 regarding unprofessional conduct.
- MT210011** Close the case, no jurisdiction. If attempts to reinstate, facts of case will be reconsidered.
- MT210052** Close the case due to insufficient evidence.
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- MT240042** Accept the Voluntary Cease & Desist Order and close the case on Respondent 1. If attempts to reinstate, the Board may reconsider the facts of the case. Refer the Respondent 2 to the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
- MT240056** Accept the Voluntary Cease & Desist Order and close the case on Respondent 1. If attempts to reinstate, the Board may reconsider the facts of the case. Refer the Respondent 2 to the Georgia Board of Chiropractic Examiners.
- MT260079** Close the case insufficient information.

### Cognizant Ratification List

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

- Applicant 4421251** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for License Reinstatement with a fine of \$500 for unlicensed practice from 12/2024-present. Fine must be paid prior to reinstatement of licensure. Flag for Audit.

**Applicant 4571690** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Agreement for License Reinstatement with a fine of \$500 dollars for unlicensed practice from December 2024-2025. Fine must be paid prior to reinstatement of licensure. Flag for Audit.

**Applications for Board Review**

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

**Applications (Initial)**

**Applicant 4524506** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Reinstatement with a fine of \$500 for false attestation regarding failure to disclose. Fine must be paid within 90 days of the of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

**Inactive Status**

**Applicant 4446855** Deny application for inactive status in accordance with Board Rules [BR 345-4-.04(1) and BR 345-4-.04(3)].

**Massage Therapy Education Programs Faculty – Amendments**

**Applicant 4220454** Send a request via certified mail for a current faculty amendment application complete with all application fields completed, and a current resume, SVD, CFBI, and COI for each faculty member within 15 days of receipt of the deficiency letter. If fails to respond timely, refer to the Attorney General's Office for a Public Consent Order for violations of BR 345-8-.02 with terms and conditions to include a fine of \$500.

**Applicant 4218135** Approve faculty amendment and notify the program that NPEC authorization must be achieved by October 1, 2026, and a failure to do so will result in the Board seeking revocation of the license for failure to comply with O.C.G.A. § 43-24A-3(4)(A) and BR 345-8-.03(1)(f).

**Reinstatements**

**Applicant 4602305** Table pending receipt of 24 hours of board approved CE, 12 of which must be hands on. Hours must be completed and submitted by May 19, 2026. If received, issue the license. If not received, withdraw due to incomplete application.

**Applicant 4446114** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Reinstatement with a fine of \$500 for false attestation regarding failure to disclose. Fine must be paid within 90 days after the docket date of the order. Flag for Audit.

**Renewals**

**Renewal COI**

**Applicant 4186468** Renew license with a Letter of Concern regarding failure to maintain professional liability insurance.

**Applicant \_4198556** 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 must be paid in full by October 31, 2026. Flag for Audit

**Applicant 4157651** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$1150 for false attestation regarding CE, failure to complete CE requirements within the biennium, 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 maintain a valid address with the Board as required. Must submit 12 hours of board approved hands-on CE. CE completed to satisfy the terms of the order may not be used to meet CE requirements for the biennium ending October 31, 2026. Fine must be paid in full by October 31, 2026. CE Must be completed within 90 days of the docket date of the order. Flag for Audit.

- Applicant 4187036** Uphold previous motion and notify applicant they can withdraw application and allow license to lapse. If applies for reinstatement, details of the case will be revisited.
- Applicant 4187038** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$650 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 maintain a valid address with the Board as required. Fine must be paid in full by October 31, 2026. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4210885** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$2000 for false attestation regarding CE, failure to complete CE requirements, false attestation regarding 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). Must submit proof of completing nine (9) board approved anytime CE hours within 90 days of the order docket date. CE completed to satisfy the terms of the order may not be used to meet CE requirements for the biennium ending October 31, 2026. Must provide proof of current professional liability insurance upon signing the order before the license may be renewed. Fine must be paid in full by October 31, 2026. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4199092** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$650 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 prior to the renewal of the license. Fine must be paid in full by October 31, 2026. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4189995** Refer to Legal Services for a Public Consent Order for License Renewal with a fine of \$500 for failure to maintain a valid address with the Board as required, 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 within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4182596** 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). Must provide proof of professional liability insurance upon signing the order before the license may be renewed. Fine must be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4173591** 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). Must provide proof of professional liability insurance upon signing the order before the license may be renewed. Fine must be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.
- Applicant 4173435** 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). Must provide proof of professional liability insurance upon signing the order before the license may be renewed. Fine must be paid within 90 days of the order docket date. Flag for Audit.

**Transcript Review**

- Applicant 4318173** Uphold previous motion to deny.

**Applicant 4302248** Deny based on failure to meet education requirements [O.C.G.A. §§ 43-24A-8(b)(6) & 43-24A-3(4)(C), BR 345-8-.01(a-g)].

**Applicant 4351367** Uphold previous motion to deny.

**Investigative Committee Date Change**

Mr. Knowles motioned, Ms. Henderson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to change the Friday, May 15, 2026 Investigative Committee WebEx meeting to Monday, May 18, 2026 to begin at 9:00 a.m.

Jane Curry left the meeting at 12:01 p.m. with a quorum of the Board still present.

**OPEN SESSION**

**Open Session Minutes**

- 1. February 27, 2026 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes**
- 2. March 13, 2026 Investigative Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Henderson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the February 27, 2026 Open Session WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Ms. Henderson motioned, Mr. Knowles seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the March 13, 2026 Investigative Committee WebEx Meeting Minutes, as presented.

**Licenses to Ratify: February 20, 2026 – April 2, 2026**

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Henderson 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 – Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB)**

- 1. Call for Volunteers**
- 2. Save the Date for FSMTB's 2026 Annual Meeting**
- 3. Why Attendees Value the MBE Summit**
- 4. Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation School Closing**
- 5. Call for Volunteers – Awards Committee**

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

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

- 1. 03-01-26 Approved Provider Disciplinary Actions by State**
- 2. 03-01-26 Certificant Disciplinary Actions by State**
- 3. 04-01-26 Approved Provider Disciplinary Actions by State**
- 4. 04-01-26 Certificant Disciplinary Actions by State**

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

**Petitions for Rule Waiver**

- 1. BR 345-4-.05(c)(ii)\_Sarah Alexis Warren**

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

**2. BR 345-4-.02(4)\_Mellisa Rice**

Ms. Henderson motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition to waive BR 345-4-.02(4) based on operation law as petitioner is not subject to the rule petitioned.

**Petition for Rule Variance – BR 345-4-.02 Dale Antonio Moore**

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Henderson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to deny the petition for variance of BR 345-4-.02 based on based on insufficient evidence to substantiate a substantial hardship.

**Education Report**

**1. Notice of Intent to Close Program – Alpha School of Massage Inc.**

Ms. Nichols motioned, Ms. Henderson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to accept the Notice of Intent to Close Program for Alpha School of Massage Inc.

**2. Notice of Change in Ownership Approve change in ownership – Strada Institute**

Ms. Henderson motioned, Ms. Nichols seconded, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion to approve the Notice of Change in Ownership for Strada Institute.

**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:

- MTLD
- Jurisprudence Requirement for MT Board
- PLB Updates
- Georgia General Assembly

Ms. Henderson motioned, Ms. 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 1:04 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 12, 2026

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 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, April 10, 2026 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 14 day of April 2026

Leona Mims  
Notary Public

