

The Georgia Music Therapy Advisory Group met Wednesday, August 26, 2026, via Microsoft Teams through the Professional Licensing Boards Division of the Georgia Secretary of State, located at 3920 Arkwright Rd, Suite 195, Macon, GA 31210.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Jennifer Puckett
Steve Wilson
Kirby Carruth

MEMBERS ABSENT

Linda Hayes (unable to serve any longer)
Mary Holliday (unable to serve any longer)

STAFF PRESENT

Natara Taylor, Executive Director
Erika McKinney, Board Support Specialist
Michelle Sawyer, Assistant Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT

None

OPEN SESSION

Natara Taylor called the meeting to order at 2:06 pm on Wednesday, August 26, 2026. A quorum to conduct disciplinary matters was determined to exist.

Puckett moved to enter into executive session, Wilson seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Case Review

At the conclusion of the executive session on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, Taylor declared the meeting to be "open". No votes were taken during the executive session.

OPEN SESSION

Carruth moved, Wilson seconded, and the motion was carried by the Advisory Group to ratify the following recommendations made during the Executive Session:

00263784 – Close Case.

ANNUAL REPORT

Natara Taylor presented statistical information regarding applications, licenses, and complaints for FY2025 through FY2027.

Music Therapy 2026 Report

	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027 (as of 8/10/26)
Applications Received	12	24	7
Licenses Issued	15	14	6
Complaints Received	0	1	0
Renewals Generated vs. Renewed			Generated 149 Renewed = 100% Renewal Rate

Current Active Licenses - 161

Natara Taylor reported that, as of August 10, 2026, there were 161 active licenses.

GOVERNANCE

The Advisory Group reviewed the following new statutes implemented in 2025 and 2026:

43-1-4 Expiration, renewal, and penalty dates of licenses and certificates; duration of validity; renewals. - Implemented July 1, 2026

(b) Any such license or certificate shall be renewable for up to 45 days after the expiration of such license or certificate, provided that the licensee or the certificate holder has satisfied all requirements and paid all fees relating to the renewal of such license or certificate as provided in this title or in the rules and regulations promulgated pursuant to this title.

43-1-4.1. Continuing education tracking solution. – Implemented July 1, 2025

(b) The office of the Secretary of State, on behalf of all professional licensing boards under its jurisdiction that require continuing education, shall establish a continuing education tracking solution to monitor compliance of licensees with applicable continuing education requirements and to determine whether a licensee is in full compliance with such requirements at the time of making application for license renewal. Such tracking solution may be an off-premises hosted software-as-a-service application accessible through a public website. The Secretary of State may contract with third parties to implement, integrate, or otherwise provide such tracking system.

Proposed Amendments to Rules 590-11-1-.02 and 590-11-1-.05

The Advisory Group reviewed proposed amendments to Rules 590-11-1-.02 and 590-11-1-.05 that were drafted to align with O.C.G.A. 43-1-4(b) and 43-1-4.1(b).

Puckett made a motion to approve the proposed amendments to Rules 590-11-1-.02 and 590-11-1-.05. Carruth seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The Advisory Board discussed potential changes to its renewal rule to provide that, when a license is issued outside of the regular renewal period, and the license is scheduled for renewal within six to twelve months, the licensee would not be required to complete continuing competency requirements for the initial renewal period.

Natara Taylor will review the Administrative Procedure Act to determine whether the proposed change is permissible and, if appropriate, draft an amendment to the renewal rule for consideration by the Advisory Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on August 26, 2026, at 3:00 pm.

Natara Taylor, RN

Natara Taylor, Executive Director