



ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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MINUTES Board Meeting Friday, January 9, 2009

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, January 9, 2009, at the Board Office, located at 610 S. McDonough Street, Montgomery, Alabama, in order to conduct business. The following members were in attendance: Ms. Tammie Friedrichs (Chair), Ms. Cynthia Harris (Vice-Chair), Mr. Arnold Askew and Mr. Hal Richardson. The Board members not in attendance were: Ms. April Henderson (Resigned), Ms. Judy White (Resigned) and Mr. Tommy O'Brien (Resigned). Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Mary Windom (Board Counsel), Mr. Mike James (Investigator), and Mr. Randy Barrows (Executive Assistant). A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

Public Notice of this meeting was published on the Secretary of State's web site at www.sos.alabama.gov in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act and advertised on the Board's web site at www.almtbd.alabama.gov

Ms. Harris made a motion to approve the travel reimbursement statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The minutes from the October 24, 2008 meeting were presented to the Board for its review. Ms. Harris made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The minutes from the December 12, 2008 meeting were presented to the Board for its review. Ms. Harris made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Askew and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Askew made a motion to approve the Massage Therapist Applications presented to the Board (list attached). The motion was seconded by Ms. Harris and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Askew made a motion to approve the Massage Therapy Instructor Applications presented to the Board (list attached). The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Harris made a motion to approve the Massage Therapy School Renewal Applications presented to the Board (list attached). The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Massage Therapy School Renewal Application for the Birmingham School of Massage which was tabled at the last meeting. It was discovered that one of the instructors at the school was not a licensed massage therapist but does hold a license as a massage therapy instructor. After discussion, Ms. Harris made a motion to renew the Massage Therapy School License for the Birmingham School of Massage based upon 532-X-3-.05(7) with the stipulation that Olaf Bothe must obtain a massage therapist license by February 18, 2009. Mr. Bothe shall not practice massage therapy without a license however; can continue to instruct at the school once in compliance with his proper licensure. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren delivered the Executive Director Report as well as distributed a detailed list of all payment vouchers and deposits (list attached). Ms. Harris made a motion to approve the financial information as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

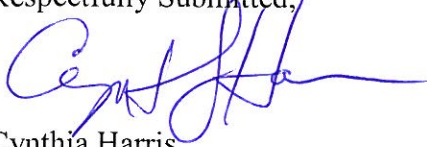
The Board discussed the revisions to the Rules and Regulations. After discussion, the Board wants all changes prepared and ready for approval at the Birmingham meeting in February.

Mr. Warren presented a letter and information from the Alabama State Board of Chiropractic Examiners. The letter addresses a technique called Cranial Release Technique which is being performed by massage therapists in the state and their opinion is this technique is clearly under the scope of the practice of chiropractic. After discussion, Ms. Harris made a motion to respond in writing informing the Chiropractic Board that this is not solely a chiropractic technique and will request the therapist in question to submit a full detailed report to their Board regarding this technique for their review. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The next scheduled meetings are for Wednesday, February 18, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Birmingham, at the Vestavia Hills Chamber of Commerce and Friday, April 10, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in Montgomery, Alabama, at the Board Office.

There being no further business, Mr. Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:47 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Askew and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Cynthia Harris
Vice Chair

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director