



ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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MINUTES Board Meeting Friday, February 8, 2013

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, February 8, 2013, at the Board Office located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama, in order to conduct regular business. The following members were in attendance: Mr. Michael Stephens, Chair, Mr. Lance Gilliland, Vice Chair, Mr. Foad Araiinejad, member, Ms. Gwen Motley, member and Mr. Willie DeVold, member. Members not in attendance were Ms. Donna Sertell and Ms. Angel Stacey. Also in attendance was Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Randy Barrows (Administrator), Mike James (Investigator) and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren). A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:08 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 requirements of the Alabama Open Meetings Act and advertised on the Board's web site at www.almtbd.alabama.gov.

The minutes from the December 14, 2012 meeting were presented to the Board members for their review. Ms. Motley made a motion to approve the minutes as presented (available for viewing in the Board's Official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report, to include the Financial Report (payment vouchers and deposits available for viewing in the Board's Official Book of Minutes), and current number of licensees and number of active complaints. Mr. Gilliland made the motion to approve the Executive Director Report and Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren also reported on a proposed legislative bill that would require some Board funds to be swept into the general fund on an annual basis.

Mr. Warren presented a list of establishment inspections performed in 2012 by Mr. James, Board investigator, along with a list of 2013 (to-date) inspections. The Board discussed the notification process for violations identified during inspections.

Mr. Warren updated the Board on obtaining sponsors for the proposed bill for the Massage Therapy Board. He reported that in addition to the other changes approved by the Board, the requirements to document citizenship status would also be included in the proposed bill.

Mr. Warren reported that Rule 532-x-2-.02 Board Duties, had been published in the *Administrative Monthly* and certified, which states that the Board may delegate application approval authority to the Executive Director, with certain specifications. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to authorize the Executive

Director to approve applications as specified in Rule 532-X-2.02(2). The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren requested that the Board members submit articles, tentatively by March 1, 2013, to be published in the upcoming Board newsletter.

Mr. Gilliland reported he had attended the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards meeting and presented key topics discussed at this meeting. Mr. Warren commented on activities of the Alabama Association of Regulatory Boards and asked about the Board's interest in joining the Alabama Association (ASRB) and appointing a representative. Mr. Warren reported that he attended ASRB meetings as a representative to another board. Mr. Gilliland reported on the movie "Nefarious" and suggested law enforcement be notified by licensed massage therapists when sexual solicitation is made by customers. The Board agreed to consider addressing this topic in a future Board newsletter.

Mr. Warren reported that he had reviewed new applications for Massage Therapist license and there were no exceptions to present to the Board.

Mr. Araiinejad made a motion to approve the application for Massage Therapy Instructor license as presented (a list of the approved application is available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Araiinejad made a motion to approve the renewal application for Massage Therapy School as presented to the Board (a list of the approved application is available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Araiinejad made a motion to approve the application for Massage Therapy School as presented to the Board (a list of the approved application is available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the Continuing Education Provider applications as presented (a list of the approved applications is available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented a request for an establishment license exemption (available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). Mr. Araiinejad made a motion to deny the application for exemption. The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Motley commented on the LaserTouchOne demonstration presented at the last Board meeting. She asked the Board to consider recommending modifications to the statute to allow use of this device. She encouraged the Board members to research this matter further and to contact Dr. Oie should they have any questions about the product.

Mr. Warren asked the Board members to notify him about their interest in attending the FSMTB meeting to be held in Baltimore in October.

The next meeting of the Board will be May 10, 2013.

There was no further business and Mr. Stephens adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael S. Stephens
Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director