



ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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MINUTES Board Meeting April 8, 2016

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, April 8, 2016, at the Board Office located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama, in order to conduct regular business. The following Board members were in attendance: Mr. Michael Stephens (Chair), Mr. Lance Gilliland (Vice-Chair), Mr. Willie DeVold, member, and Mr. Foad Araiinejad, member. The following members were absent: Mr. Lemar Storey and Ms. Gwen Motley. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Randy Barrows (Administrator), Mr. Matt Bledsoe (Legal Counsel), Mr. Mike James (Investigator) and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren, serving as recording secretary). A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

Public notice of this regularly scheduled 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

The minutes from the January 8, 2016 Board meeting were presented to the Board members for their approval. A copy of the minutes was provided to the Board prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the January minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board (available for viewing in the Board's Official Book of Minutes).

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report, to include the Financial Report as of March 31, 2016. A detail financial report of deposits and vouchers, through the second quarter of FY 2016, was presented for the Board's approval (detailed report is on file in the Board's Official Book of Minutes.). Mr. Warren also reported on the current number of licensees and number of complaints received to-date in FY 2016. Mr. DeVold made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren also presented to the Board a list of establishment and school inspections that had been performed from January through March 2016.

Mr. Warren requested the Board's approval for Mr. James, Board Investigator/Inspector, to attend the FBI National Academy Conference. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the registration cost and travel expense for Mr. James to attend the FBI MA Conference. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Bledsoe presented the Legal Counsel report that included four consent agreements. He reviewed the consent agreement signed by the owner of June Massage for employing an unlicensed massage therapist (case #16-008). Mr. Bledsoe stated that the owner was fined \$1000 and the establishment and owner were placed on a 2-year probation. Mr. DeVold made a motion to accept the Consent Agreement concerning June Massage as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Bledsoe reviewed the consent agreement signed by Feng Xia Lu, an unlicensed massage therapist, which included a \$500 fine and cease and desist order (case #16-008). Mr. Bledsoe reported that in the meantime Ms. Lu has applied and received her license. Mr. Gilliland made the motion to accept the Consent Agreement by Feng Xia Lu as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Bledsoe reviewed the consent agreement signed by the owner of Lotus Massage, which included a \$1000 fine and a 1-year probation for employing unlicensed massage therapists. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to accept the Consent Agreement (case #15-028) concerning Lotus Massage as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Bledsoe presented a consent agreement signed by the owner of Angel Spa (same owner as Lotus Massage). He indicated that the agreement included a fine of \$1000 and 1-year probation for violation of employing unlicensed massage therapists. Mr. Araiinejad made the motion to accept the Consent Agreement (case #15-030) concerning Angel Spa as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Araiinejad made the motion to ratify the approval of massage therapist applications by the Executive Director. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Araiinejad made the motion to approve the instructor applications as presented to the Board (a list of the approved applications is available in the Board's Official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the new Massage Therapy School application from the University of North Alabama with the condition that UNA state that the clinical internships are not paid. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board (a list of the approved applications is available in the Board's Official Book of Minutes).

Mr. DeVold made a motion to approve the renewal applications for Massage Therapy Schools as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board. (a list of approved renewal applications is available in the Board's Official Book of Minutes).

Mr. Barrows reported that no new CE Provider applications had been received.

The Board reviewed the massage therapist applications by individuals who had attended out-of-state schools, etc. (a list of the approved applications is available in the Board's Official Book of

Minutes). Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the Massage Therapist applications as received. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Barrows presented an update on the application of Chun Mei Xu for special review at the last meeting and clarified that the school was licensed and hours were verified.

The next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled on Friday, July 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Mr. Gilliland made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Stephens adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Stephens

Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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