



## **ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**

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### **MINUTES Board Meeting January 8, 2016**

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, January 8, 2016, 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. Willie DeVold, member, Mr. Lemar Storey, member, Mr. Foad Araiinejad, member and Ms. Gwen Motley, member. 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 10:11 a.m.

Public notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was published on the Secretary of State's web site at [www.sos.alabama.gov](http://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 October 16, 2015 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. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the October minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley 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 January 4, 2016. A detail financial report of deposits and vouchers, through the first 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. Gilliland made a 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 presented to the Board a list of establishment and school inspections that had been performed from January through November, 2015. Mr. Mike James commented on Federal Task Forces in the State and efforts to identify human trafficking and related crimes, i.e., prostitution, tax evasion, etc. that is sometimes linked to massage establishments.

Mr. Bledsoe presented the Legal Counsel report that included the five following consent agreements. He reviewed the consent agreement signed by the owner of Ocean Sauna for violation of prostitution arrests having been made at that establishment. Mr. Bledsoe stated that

the establishment license had been surrendered and the owner/establishment may not reapply for licensure for a minimum of three years. The Board discussed concerns about the licensure minimum time period. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to accept the Consent Agreement concerning Ocean Sauna as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Bledsoe reviewed the consent agreement signed by Chong S. Yu, a licensed massage therapist, for violation of having been arrested for prostitution. He reported that the MT license had been surrendered and was not eligible to reapply for a minimum of three years. Ms. Motley made the motion to accept the Consent Agreement concerning Chong S. Yu as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Bledsoe reviewed the consent agreement signed by the owner of Rainbow Sauna and Massage for violation of prostitution arrests having been made at that establishment. Mr. Bledsoe stated that the establishment license had been surrendered and owner/establishment were not eligible to reapply for licensing for a minimum of three years. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to accept the Consent Agreement concerning Rainbow Sauna and Massage as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Bledsoe reviewed the consent agreement signed by James O. Crumbley, a licensed massage therapist, for violation of having been arrested for prostitution associated with Rainbow Sauna and Massage. He reported that the MT license had been surrendered and was not eligible to reapply for a minimum of three years. Mr. Gilliland made the motion to accept the Consent Agreement concerning James O. Crumbley as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Bledsoe reviewed the consent agreement signed by Pok N. DeGuzman, a licensed massage therapist, for violation of having been arrested for prostitution associated with Rainbow Sauna and Massage. He reported that the MT license had been surrendered and was not eligible to reapply for a minimum of three years. Mr. Gilliland made the motion to accept the Consent Agreement concerning Pok N. DeGuzman as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that election of officers was due at the last Board meeting held in October. Ms. Motley made the motion that the officers currently serving remain the same: Mr. Stephens as Board Chair and Mr. Gilliland as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad. There were no further nominations or discussion and the motion was unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren report that proposals concerning digitalization of licensing records had been received. Copies of the proposal from BSC and CF Biggs Company were presented to the Board members for their review. Mr. DeVold stated that BSC's proposal was more specific in services. Mr. Warren explained that the proposals included scanning services. He stated that the software cost would be covered by Warren and Company. Mr. DeVold made a motion to approve BSC for digitization of records. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Stephens presented the proposed 2016 meeting scheduled for the Board's approval. The Board discussed meeting 4 times in the year verses every other month. Ms. Motley made the motion to approve the following dates, in addition to January 8<sup>th</sup>, for the Board to meeting in 2016, April 8<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

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

Mr. Gilliland presented the new school application from Massaged Life & Wellness Academy for a course review. Mr. Gilliland made the motion to approve the application with the stipulation to seek clarification regarding the requirement for a maximum of 100 clinical hours vs. 100 supervised massages. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

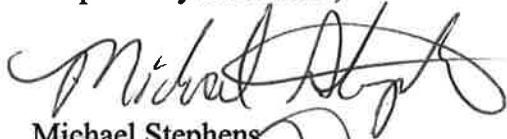
Mr. Barrows presented the massage therapist application from Nancy L. Horn. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to reject the application and recommended Ms. Horn acquire the necessary course hours through an approved massage therapy school, in accordance with the Board's Rules. The motion was seconded by Ms. Motely and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Barrows presented the massage therapist application from Chun Mei Xu, who completed CE hours to make up the difference between graduate hours. It was noted that the CE hours had been obtained prior to graduating from massage therapy school. Ms. Motley made a motion to accept the application. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and approved by the majority of the Board (2 nays and 3 ayes). Following further discussion of the schools good standing, Ms. Motely amended her motion that the Board seek clarification from the school about the time period in obtaining CE hours and graduating from massage therapy school. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board. The Board continued to discuss continuing education (CE) hours in lieu of 650 transcript hours.

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

There being no further business, Mr. Gilliland made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Stephens  
*Chair*



Keith E. Warren  
*Executive Director*

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