



ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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MINUTES Board Meeting January 13, 2017

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, January 13, 2017, 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. Lemar Storey (member), and Ms. Gwen Motley (member). Members not in attendance were Mr. Willie DeVold and Mr. Foad Araiinejad. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Randy Barrows (Administrator), Mr. Matt Bledsoe (Legal Counsel), Mr. Mike James (Investigator/Inspector), Jennifer Love (Legal Assistant) and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren, and serving as recording secretary). A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order by Mr. Stephens at 10:16 a.m.

Public notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was submitted to the Secretary of State www.sos.alabama.gov in accordance with the requirements of the Alabama Open Meetings Act and published on the Board's web site at www.almtbd.alabama.gov.

The minutes from the October 21, 2016 Board meeting were presented to the Board members for their approval. A copy of the minutes was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Ms. Motley made a motion to approve the October minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey 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 December 31, 2016. A detail financial report of deposits and vouchers for FY 2017 (October 1, 2016 through December 31, 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 in FY 2016 and to-date in FY 2017. Mr. Storey 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 the Administrator's Report containing a list of administrative activities accomplished since the last Board meeting, along with a list of FY 2017 inspections conducted by Mr. Mike James, which had been performed from October through December, 2016.

Mr. Bledsoe, Assistant Attorney General, presented the Legal Counsel Report. He presented a Consent Agreement concerning complaint case 2016.021. Mr. James commented on the complaint concerning an unlicensed person performing massage therapy in a chiropractic office and indicated that this matter was also being addressed by the Alabama Chiropractic Board. In the

case of an unlicensed person performing massage therapy, the Board members discussed structuring penalties and accessing fines, along with stricter measures against repeat offenders. The Board members also discussed, as an awareness effort concerning massage therapy laws, that the Massage Therapy Schools consider developing an affidavit citing potential violations and the affidavit signed by the student(s). Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the Consent Agreement concerning case 2016.021 as presented, which included a cease and desist notice and an assessment in fines for violations (\$500) and reimbursement of expenses (\$130). The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and approved by the majority of the members, with one opposing vote.

Mr. Warren presented information about the advertisement of acupressure vs. massage therapy. Ms. Motley presented an overview of the techniques involved in acupressure and similarity in reflexology. Type of massage therapy modalities would be further defined in the proposed legislation by the Board.

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

Mr. Storey made a motion to approve the renewal application by the two schools presented by Mr. Barrows (a list of the approved renewal applications is available in the Board's Official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Gilliland made the motion to approve the curriculum change submitted by Alabama Healing Arts. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the Continuing Education Provider, which was also an NCBMTB approved, as presented by Mr. Barrows. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board (see list available in the Board's Official Book of Minutes).

The Board reviewed the massage therapist applications by individuals who had attended out-of-state schools, etc., along with any special review. Following a review, Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the applications as submitted (a list available in the Board's Official Book of Minutes), with exception to the following, whose application are denied and additional information requested from these applicants:

- Li Chang due to expired citizenship documents,
- Linna Zhang due to educational discrepancies in having taken the MBLEx prior to school,
- Guang Yu Li due to expired citizenship documents, and
- Yajun Gao due to educational discrepancies in having taken the MBLEx prior to school.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board members discussed developing a Board Rule that would require the place of employment listed on the applications and to further educate the licensee about the requirement that massage therapy establishment be licensed by the Board.

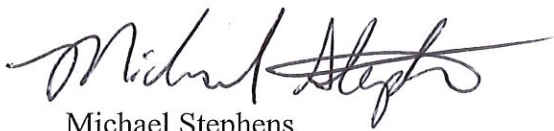
Mr. Warren reported that he would be participating in the FSMTB-Executive Director Summit meeting to be held in March 2017 in Kansas City.

Mr. Gilliland reported that the State Legislature passed the Resolution proclaiming January 11th as Human Trafficking Awareness Day. Mr. James reported that he was one of the speaker at last year's awareness program, which was also attended by Mr. Warren. Mr. James reported that the next awareness conference would be held on January 19, 2017.

The next Board meeting is scheduled on Friday, April 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Ms. Motley made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Stephens adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Stephens
Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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