



ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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MINUTES Board Meeting Friday, October 26, 2007

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, October 26, 2007 at the Board office, located at 610 S. McDonough Street, Montgomery, Alabama, in order to conduct business. The following Board members were in attendance: Ms. Tammie Friedrichs, (Chair); Ms. Cynthia Harris, (Vice-Chair); Ms. April Henderson and Mr. Arnold Askew. The Board members not in attendance were Mr. Hal Richardson, Ms. Judy K. White, and Mr. Tommy O'Brien (re-signed). Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Mary Windom (Board Counsel) and Mr. Randy Barrows (Executive Assistant). A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:18 a.m.

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

The minutes from the August 17, 2007 meeting was presented for the Board to 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.

Ms. Harris made a motion to approve the Board member's travel reimbursement as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Askew and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented several applications for the Board to review. The three applicants (Janet Scarbrough, Jeantte Hill and Ki Rae Jun) were present in case the Board had any questions.

The Board reviewed and discussed the application of Ms. Janet Scarbrough. Ms. Scarbrough was issued a license in the State of North Carolina without any education or an examination requirement therefore does not meet the requirements of licensure for the State of Alabama. Ms. Harris made a motion to deny the application for licensure as a massage therapist since the licensure requirements have not been met. The motion was seconded by Ms. Henderson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Chair Friedrichs announced that an Executive Session needed to be convened to discuss the general reputation and character of two licensee applicants. Ms. Friedrichs announced that the Executive Session should last approximately 15 minutes and then the Board would reconvene after the Executive Session. Mr. Askew made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. to discuss the general reputation and character of two applicants. The motion was seconded by Ms. Henderson. Those members voting Yea were Cynthia Harris, Arnold Askew and April Henderson. No members were opposed to the motion. At 10:58 a.m., Mr. Askew made a motion to exit Executive Session and the open meeting was reconvened. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harris. Those members voting Yea were Cynthia Harris, Arnold Askew and April Henderson. No members were opposed to the motion.

Mr. Askew made a motion to table the applications for Ms. Jeanette Hill and Ki Rae Jun until further information was received. The motion was seconded by Ms. Henderson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed a newsletter to be published before the end of the year. Mr. Warren stated that he would collect articles from members that have volunteered and publish the newsletter.

The Board discussed legislation to propose during the 2008 Legislative Session. There were several changes discussed and the Board will review this legislation at its January 2008 meeting.

Mr. Askew updated the Board on the Federation of Massage Therapy Boards on the progress being made with the new examination currently being developed. Mr. Askew will also write an article for the newsletter regarding this update.

Ms. Harris made a motion to approve the Massage Therapy Instructor applications presented to the Board (list attached). The motion was seconded by Ms. Henderson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board reviewed a Massage Therapy School application and postponed its final approval until a list of all licensed instructors was submitted to the Board (Virginia College at Montgomery).

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

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

Mr. Warren presented a detailed list of all payment vouchers and deposits. Ms. Cynthia made a motion to approve the financial information presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Henderson 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.

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, December 14, 2007, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held in Birmingham, Alabama with a location to be announced. The next quarterly meeting was scheduled for January 11, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m. This meeting will be held in Montgomery, Alabama, at the Board's Office.

There being no further business, Ms. Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:45 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Henderson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tammie Friedrichs, Chair



Keith E. Warren, Executive Director