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**MINUTES
Board Meeting
Friday, August 1, 2014**

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, August 1, 2014, 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, and Mr. Lemar Storey. Board members absent were Ms. Gwen Motley and Mr. Willie DeVold. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Matt Bledsoe (Board Counsel), Mr. Randy Barrows (Administrator) and Mr. Mike James (Investigator). A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:05 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 www.almtbd.alabama.gov

Mr. Stephens welcomed our guests and allowed them to introduce themselves. Mr. Linda Cater was present representing the Two Year College System as Director of the Health Programs that oversees the Massage Therapy Programs. Also present was Mr. David Finlayson.

The minutes from the May 2, 2014 Board meeting were presented to the Board members for their review. A copy of the minutes was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the May minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board (available for viewing in the Board's Office Book of Minutes).

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report, to include the Financial Report and report on the current number of licensees and number of complaints. A detail financial report of deposits and vouchers was presented for the Board's review. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the Executive Director Report and Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board. (Payment vouchers and deposits available for viewing in the Board's Official Book of Minutes.)

Mr. Warren presented an application for a Massage Therapy Establishment for VIP Massage Therapy located in Elkmont, Alabama. Mr. Warren informed the Board that the licensed massage therapist listed on the application was also the same licensee listed on the previous establishment located in that facility which was recently closed by the local police department. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to deny the application for licensure. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Gilliland made a motion for Ms. Chon Sum Yu, Alabama Licensed Massage Therapist # 3293, to appear before the Board for an interview concerning the utilization of her license for the establishment that was closed as well as the new application previously denied. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Stephens recognized Mr. Bledsoe for the Legal Counsel's Report. Mr. Bledsoe presented three consent agreements for the Board to review and approve. The first consent order presented was for Ms. Elizabeth Parmer for operating without a license in a chiropractic clinic. The agreed upon consent calls for Ms. Parmer to pay a \$500 fine and cease and desist from performing massage therapy services until properly licensed by the Board. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the Consent Agreement as presented for Mr. Elizabeth Parmer. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Bledsoe presented a consent agreement for Ms. Lisa Garcia for operating without a license in a chiropractic clinic. The agreed upon consent calls for Ms. Garcia to pay a \$500 fine and cease and desist from performing massage therapy services until properly licensed by the Board. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the Consent Agreement as presented for Ms. Lisa Garcia. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Bledsoe presented a consent agreement for Ms. Keisha Moore for operating without a license in a chiropractic clinic. The agreed upon consent calls for Ms. Moore to pay a \$500 fine and cease and desist from performing massage therapy services until properly licensed by the Board. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the Consent Agreement as presented for Ms. Keisha Moore. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Stephens informed the Board it was time to approve the annual renewal of the Administrative Services Contract. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to renew the Administrative Services Contract for an additional year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the new applications for Massage Therapist licenses. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the applications as presented. 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. Gilliland made a motion to approve the applications for Massage Therapy Instructor licenses as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stacey and unanimously approved by the Board (a list of the approved applications is available in the Board's Official Book of Minutes).

Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the applications for Massage Therapy School renewal licenses as presented. 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. Araiinejad made a motion to approve the Continuing Education Providers as presented. 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. Warren presented an application for Special Review from Mr. Frederick Martin. After thorough review and additional documentation, Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the application for a Massage Therapist License. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Gilliland updated the Board on activities from the Federation of State Board of Massage Therapy as well as the MBLEx Examination.

The FSMTB Annual Meeting is scheduled for October 2 through October 4, 2014 in Tucson, Arizona. Mr. Araiinejad will check his schedule to possibly attend the meeting as well. Mr. Araiinejad made a motion to approve Keith E. Warren, Executive Director, to attend the meeting and represent the Board as its Voting Delegate. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board.


The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is Friday, November 7, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Stephens, *Chair*



Keith E. Warren, *Executive Director*