



ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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MINUTES Board Meeting Friday, November 1, 2013

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, November 1, 2013, 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, Ms. Gwen Motley, member and Mr. Foad Araiinejad, member. Also in attendance was Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Bill Garrett (Board Counsel), Mr. Randy Barrows (Administrator), Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren), Ms. Mary O'Reilly, Examination Coordination with FSMTB, Ms. Lori Ohlmann, Director of Outreach/Government Relations with the NCBTMB, and Mr. Steve Kirin, NCBTMB's Executive Director. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:00 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.

The minutes from the August 9, 2013 and September 27, 2013 meetings were presented to the Board members for their review. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the August and September minutes as presented (available for viewing in the Board's Official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

Mr. Garrett recommended that the Legal Counsel Report be deferred until later in the meeting.

Mr. Warren presented the proposed 2014 meeting schedule for the Board's approval. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to accept the 2014 meeting dates as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that he had reviewed new applications for Massage Therapist license. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to ratify the actions of the Executive Director (a list of the approved applications is available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and unanimously approved by the Board.

The applications for Massage Therapy Instructors were reviewed. One applicant did not possess an Alabama Massage Therapy license and the two-year licensure experience. Mr. DeVold made a motion to

approve the applications for Massage Therapy Instructor license, with exception to non-licensed applicant, as presented (a list of the approved applications is available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board

Ms. Gilliland made a motion to approve the Massage Therapy School renewal applications and two new applications as presented (a list of the approved applications is available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the Continuing Education Provider applications as presented (a list of the approved applications is available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented a request for an establishment license exemption from Karma Medusa's Lair. Mr. DeVold made a motion to deny the application for exemption, although the licensed massage therapist would be working part-time. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board. The Board suggested that the licensed massage therapist apply for the Establishment license.

Mr. Gilliland introduced Ms. Lori Ohlmann, Director of Outreach/Government Relations with the NCBTMB. Also present was Mr. Steve Kirin, NCBTMB's Executive Director. Ms. Ohlmann and Mr. Kirin gave an overview of NCBTMB, its examinations program and other services to include monthly reporting of disciplinary activities by other states.

Mr. Stephens introduced Ms. Mary O'Reilly, Examination Coordination with the FSMTB. Ms. O'Reilly reported that FSMTB was composed of regulatory Boards in 42 states and she gave an overview of FSMTB activities. She indicated that she would be meeting with Alabama massage therapy schools' representatives, following the Board meeting.

Mr. Warren commented on the Board accepting the FSMTB examination, in addition to the exams offered by NCBTMB, based on Section 34-43-5(5) of the statute.

The Board was recessed by Mr. Stephens at 10:55 a.m. for a short break
The Board reconvened at 11:04 a.m.

Mr. Warren commented on topics discussed at the FSBMT annual meeting he attended and the Board's activities to investigate complaints. He explained that the Board cannot conduct background checks on applicants, but documents are being reviewed to check identity.

Mr. Garrett presented the Legal Counsel Report. Ms. Gilliland made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 11:35 a.m. for approximately 30 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and Mr. Stephens conducted a roll call vote: Mr. DeVold, aye; Mr. Araiinejad, aye, Ms. Motley, aye, Mr. Gilliland, aye; Mr. Stephens, aye. The motion passed with 5 ayes. Mr. Garrett concurred with the action.

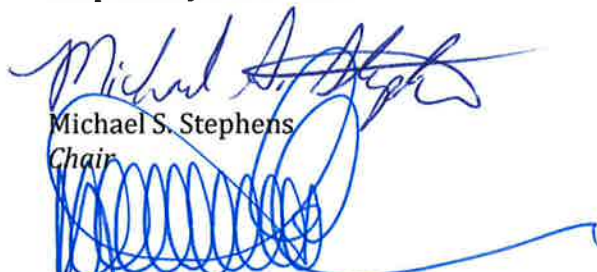
Mr. Gilliland made a motion to exit Executive Session at 12:00 Noon. The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and Mr. Stephens conducted a roll call vote: Mr. DeVold, aye; Mr. Araiinejad, aye, Ms. Motley, aye, Mr. Gilliland, aye; Mr. Stephens, aye. The motion passed with 5 ayes.

The Board considered the Recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge in the matter of QQ Acupressure. Ms. DeVold made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge and impose the maximum fine to \$10,000 for the violations cited. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board.


The next meeting of the Board will be February 7, 2014.

There was no further business and Mr. Stephens adjourned the meeting at 12:02 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael S. Stephens
Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director