



ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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MINUTES Board Meeting Friday, May 2, 2014

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, May 2, 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), Ms. Gwen Motley, Mr. Willie DeVold, Mr. Foad Araiinejad, and Mr. Lemar Storey. Also in attendance was Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Bettie Carmack (Board Counsel), Mr. Randy Barrows (Administrator), Mike James (Investigator) and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren). A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:20 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. Warren administered the oath of office to new board member, Lemar Storey.

The minutes from the February 7, 2014 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 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold 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 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. Ms. Gilliland made the motion to approve the Executive Director Report and Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board (payment vouchers and deposits available for viewing in the Board's Official Book of Minutes).

Mr. Warren presented the 2014 establishment inspection report, which indicated that 149 inspections had been conducted in 2014 to-date by the Board's investigator.

Mr. Warren reported that the Board's newsletter was being printed and would be distributed by mail, and the next newsletter would be sent electronically to the licensees' e-mail address.

Mr. Warren introduced Ms. Bettie Carmack with the Attorney General's office, who served as Board Counsel in the absence of Matt Bledsoe. Mr. Warren reported that several cases concerning chiropractic offices delegating to employees not licensed by the Board to perform massage therapy. He reported that in lieu of an administrative hearing for these violations, a consent agreement had been sent to the employer/chiropractor and to the unlicensed persons. Mr. Warren explained that in these cases, the only one exempt in providing massage therapy was the chiropractor.

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

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

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

Mr. Araiinejad made a motion to approve the Continuing Education Provider applications as presented, with one exception concerning the reading credits for research articles submitted by AMTA, which was denied. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board (a list of the approved applications is available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes).

Mr. Warren reported that a special request concerning continuing education credits for Functional Movement System (FMS) had been submitted by Anthony Allegro, LMT, and a written description was provided to the Board for review. It was the Board's recommendation that FMS apply to the Board as a CE Provider. Mr. DeVold made a motion to approve the CE credits contingent on FSM apply as a CE Provider. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that an applicant had been unable to obtain an official transcript from the Emerald Coast Massage School in Ft. Walton Beach, Florida because it had closed; however, NCBTMB had approved the school and indicated that the classes were legitimate. It was the consensus of the Board to accept the copy of the transcript.

Mr. Warren also reported that an Establishment application has been received from Chinese Accu Massage, by the same owner as QQ Acupressure. Mr. Warren reminded the Board that QQ Acupressure was under disciplinary action by the Board and the administrative fine had not been paid. Mr. DeVold made a motion to not approve the application pending payment of fine and settlement had been reached with QQ Acupressure. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that the FSMTB would be holding its annual meeting in October and additional information would be available at the next Board meeting.

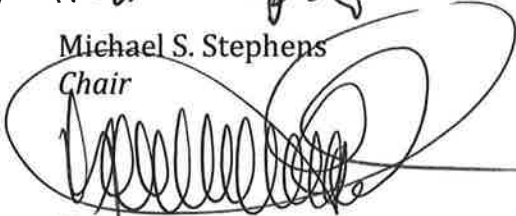
The next meeting of the Board is scheduled August 1, 2014.

There was no further business and Mr. Gilliland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and Mr. Stephens adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael S. Stephens
Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director