

ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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MINUTES Board Meeting October 16, 2015

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, October 16, 2015, 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, Mr. Lemar Storey, member and Ms. Gwen Motley, member. Board member not in attendance was 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) and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren, serving as recording secretary). A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

Public notice of this regular rescheduled 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

The minutes from the July 10, 2015 Board meeting were presented to the Board members for their approval. A copy of the minutes was provided to the Board prior to the meeting. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the July 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 September 30, 2015. A detail financial report of deposits and vouchers in FY 2015 was presented for the Board's review (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 in FY 2015. Mr. Gilliland made a 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.

Mr. Warren presented to the Board a list of establishment and school inspections that had been performed through September 17, 2015. He commented on the procedures if an establishment or school failed an inspection.

Ms. Motley arrived at 10:05 a.m.

Mr. Bledsoe presented the Legal Counsel report that included a consent agreement concerning Lifetime Fitness, an unlicensed establishment. The Board reviewed the consent agreement signed

by the owner of Lifetime Fitness. The terms of the consent included immediately applying for an establishment license and a \$500 fine payable within 30 days of the Board's acceptance. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to accept the Consent Agreement concerning Lifetime Fitness as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Bledsoe also reported on the cease and desists notice to Scott Hicks, of Spa Rejuvenate in Prattville, that his application to renew the establishment license was under review by the Board and would not be final until after the criminal proceedings against him had been concluded. Mr. Bledsoe also reported that Mr. Hicks has been notified of the emergency suspension of the establishment license for the Montgomery location. He further explained that he the Board has received notification from the landlord for the Montgomery location that the lease has been cancelled; therefore, the Montgomery spa location no longer exists. Ms. Motley made a motion to withhold renewing the Prattville location establishment license until the criminal case is closed. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that the bid for Administrative Services had been received and he presented the results from the Division of Purchasing. The Board reviewed the one bid received from Warren and Company, Inc. Mr. Warren commented on the increase in the bid amount from previous years, the increase in services and related cost. Ms. Motley made the motion to accept the bid from Warren and Company at the rate of \$11,000 per month. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board

Mr. Warren commented on FSMTB's annual meeting that he and Board member, Foad Araiinejad, had attended in October.

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

Mr. Storey 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 Ms. Motley and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the applications by Massage Therapy Schools as presented to the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board (a list of the approved applications is available in the Board's Official Book of Minutes).

The Board reviewed massage therapist applications by individuals who had attended out-of-state schools (a list of the approved applications is available in the Board's Official Book of Minutes). Mr. Storey made a motion to approve applicants, K.M. Eklund, A.L. Moody, S.A. Hoven and W. D. Mitcham. The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Gilliland made a motion to reject the application of N.L. Horn, pending receipt of detailed summary of the courses taken in accordance with the Board's required courses. The motion was seconded by Ms. Motely and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Gilliland made a motion to reject the application of C.M. Xu and to present after the continuing education hours have been verified and Georgia licensing board contacted regarding licensing. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. DeVold made a motion to approve the application of C.L. MacLennan with the stipulation that the Board receive progress/follow-up reports from Bradford every six months during the first licensing period. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board continued discussion of the FSMTB annual meeting concerning exam security breaches, identification of illegitimate massage therapy schools, and human trafficking activities in the profession.

The next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled on Friday, January 8, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. The Board will be polled regarding their availability and the meeting posted for public notice.

There being no further business, Mr. Gilliland made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:19 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Stephens

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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