ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY



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MINUTES Board Meeting Tuesday, April 24, 2007

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Tuesday, April 24, 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); Mr. Arnold Askew, and Mr. B. Hal Richardson. The Board members not in attendance were Ms. April Henderson, Ms. Judy K. White, and Mr. Tommy O'Brien (re-signed). Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren, (Executive Director), Ms. Mary B. Windom, (Board Counsel), Mr. Randy Barrows, (Executive Assistant) and Mr. Mike James (Board Investigator). A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:12 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.

Ms. Friedrichs turned the meeting over to Ms. Windom. Ms. Windom presented the Board the option to adopt an Emergency Suspension of Licensure for Sun Aroma Spa based on §41-22-19, Code of Alabama, 1975, of the Alabama Administrative Procedures Act since the Administrative Hearing set for this date was continued. Probable cause was shown that the establishment presents a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare based upon a sworn affidavit submitted by the Homewood Police Department (Affidavit Attached). After discussion and review, Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve the Emergency Suspension of Licensure for Sun Aroma Spa for 120 days. The motion was seconded by Mr. Askew and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Windom asked the Board to schedule a meeting in June 2007 to be held in Montgomery, Alabama for the purpose of holding an administrative hearing. After discussion, Mr. Richardson made a motion for the Board to meet on Friday, June 15, 2007, in Montgomery, Alabama, at 10:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harris and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Friedrichs turned the meeting over to Judge Walter Turner of the Administrative Law Division of the Attorney General's Office in order to conduct

the scheduled administrative hearings. The administrative hearings were conducted. Once concluded, the Board returned to its regular meeting.

Ms. Windom presented the Board with two settlement agreements. Based on § 41-22-12, <u>Code of Alabama, 1975</u>, the Administrative Procedures Act allows for Boards to enter into settlement agreements pertaining to disciplinary cases. The Investigative Committee met regarding these complaints and agreed to the settlement agreements as presented.

The first agreement for Complaint # 06-99 was for Gadsden State Community College. After discussion, Mr. Askew made a motion to approve the settlement agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The second agreement for Complaint # 06-101 was for Ronald J. Richard. After discussion, Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve the settlement agreement as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Askew and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Askew made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 26, 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harris and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Askew made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2007 meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson 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 the Board with the rule and regulations change, Appendix 3 Continuing Education Guidelines & Provider Application. This rule was advertised in the Alabama Administrative Monthly Volume XXV, Issue NO. 5 on February 28, 2007. There being no comments received in the Board Office or any one present to present comments on this change, Mr. Askew made a motion to adopt the Appendix 3 Continuing Education Guidelines & Provider Application Rule. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Financial Report to the Board (attached). Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve the report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Askew and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Harris made a motion to approve the Massage Therapist Applications for licensure as presented (list attached). The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Askew made a motion to approve the Massage Therapy Instructor Applications for Licensure as presented (list attached). The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve the Massage Therapy School Renewal (list attached). The motion was seconded by Mr. Askew and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Friedrichs presented an application for a Continuing Education Provider. After review and discussion, Ms. Harris made a motion to approve Life Essentials Natural Healing Clinic as an approved CEU Provider and allow 4 hours of continuing education under §34-43-21 (b)(5). The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board will meet again on Friday, June 15, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Mr. Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harris and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammie Friedrichs

Keith E. Warren Executive Director