



ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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MINUTES Board Meeting Friday, January 20, 2012

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, January 20, 2012, at the Board Office, located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama, in order to conduct business. The following members were in attendance: Mr. Michael Stephens, Chair, Mr. Lance Gilliland, Vice Chair, Ms. Gwen Motley, Ms. Donna Sertell, Mr. Willie DeVold and Mr. Foad Araiinejad. Member not in attendance was Ms. Angel Stacey. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Bill Garrett, Legal Counsel, Mr. Nick Vonderau, and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren). Also attending was Mr. Ron Joganic, with the AMTA Alabama Chapter. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:22 a.m.

Public notice of this 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.

A copy of the December 9, 2011 Board meeting minutes was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Ms. Motley made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2011 Board meeting as presented (available for viewing in the Board's Official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Ms. Sertell and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report, to include the Financial Report (payment vouchers and deposits available for viewing in the Board's Official Book of Minutes), and number of licensees. Mr. Warren commented on the FSMTB membership fees. Mr. Gilliland made the motion that the Executive Director Report and Financial Report be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Motley made a motion to approve the new applications for Massage Therapist licenses 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. Sertell and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Motley made a motion to approve the applications for Massage Therapy Instructor licenses 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. Sertell and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Araiinejad made a motion to approve the new and renewal applications for Massage Therapy Schools, with the condition that Virginia College-Huntsville's renewal application be approved upon verification that the program director would not teach until his MT license is renewed. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sertell 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 (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.

Ms. Motley commented on the development of a quarterly newsletter and its distribution to licensees. She also commented on educating the public about professional licensing and suggested public awareness through advertisements by individual LMT. Mr. Joganic, with the AMTA Alabama Chapter, indicated that he would assist by inquiring with individuals about including information in their ads.

Mr. Warren reported that the proposed changes to the statute would be presented when the legislative session begins in February.

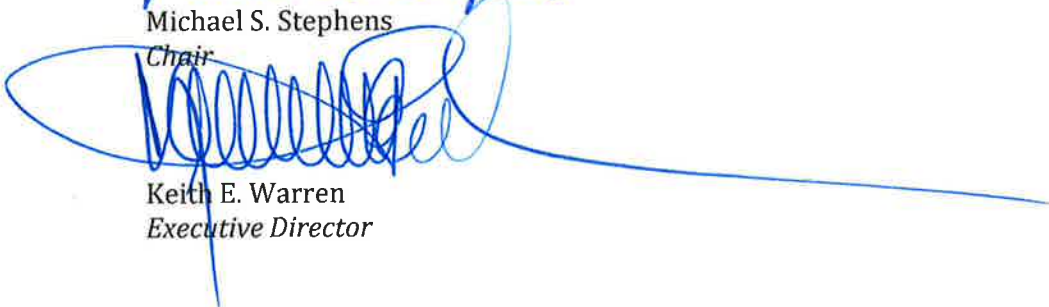
Mr. Warren reported that Administrative Hearings are tentatively scheduled to be held on the next meeting date of the Board. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is February 17, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Mr. DeVold made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:41 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael S. Stephens
Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director