



ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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MINUTES Board Meeting October 21, 2016

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, October 21, 2016, at the Board Office located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama, in order to conduct regular business. The following Board members were in attendance: Mr. Michael Stephens (Chair), Mr. Lance Gilliland (Vice-Chair), Mr. Lemar Storey (member), and Ms. Gwen Motley (member). Members not in attendance were Mr. Willie DeVold and Mr. Foad Araiinejad. Also in attendance were Mr. Randy Barrows (Administrator), Mr. Matt Bledsoe (Legal Counsel) and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren, and serving as recording secretary). A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m.

Public notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was submitted to the Secretary of State www.sos.alabama.gov in accordance with the requirements of the Alabama Open Meetings Act and published on the Board's web site at www.almtbd.alabama.gov.

The minutes from the July 8, 2016 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 for their review. Ms. Motley made a motion to approve the July minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board (available for viewing in the Board's Official Book of Minutes).

Mr. Barrows presented the Executive Director's Report, to include the Financial Report as of September 30, 2016. A detail financial report of deposits and vouchers for FY 2016 (October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016) was presented for the Board's approval (detailed report is on file in the Board's Official Book of Minutes.). Mr. Barrows also reported on the current number of licensees and number of complaints received in FY 2015 and to-date in FY 2016. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Barrows also presented to the Board the Administrator's Report containing a list of administrative activities accomplished since the last Board meeting, along with a list of inspections conducted by Mr. Mike James that had been performed from January through September, 2016.

Mr. Bledsoe, Assistant Attorney General, presented the Legal Counsel Report. He stated that there were no new settlements to present and some complaints remained open awaiting criminal cases to be resolved.

Mr. Barrows reported that the annual renewal of the Administrative Services Contract was due. Ms. Motley made a motion to renew the Administrative Services Contract with Warren & Company for another year without any changes to the contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved.

Mr. Stephens presented the proposed 2017 meeting dates for the Board to conduct meetings. Mr. Storey made a motion to approve the dates as presented: January 13, April 14, July 14, and October 13. The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Barrows reported that the annual election of officers was due for the offices of Board Chair and Board Vice Chair. Ms. Motley made a motion that the officers remain the same, with Mr. Stephens as Board Chair and Mr. Gilliland as Board Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

Mr. Gilliland 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 Mr. Lemar and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Motley made a motion to approve the renewal application of the four schools presented by Mr. Barrows (a list of the approved renewal applications is available in the Board's Official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Storey made a motion to approve the Continuing Education Provider, as presented by Mr. Barrows, which was a NCBTMB-approved CE Provider also. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board (a list of approved renewal applications is available in the Board's Official Book of Minutes).

The Board reviewed the massage therapist applications by individuals who had attended out-of-state schools, etc. (a list of the approved applications is available in the Board's Official Book of Minutes). Following a review and discussion of the current edition of the NCBTMB School Compliance report, Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the applications as submitted, with exception to Ms. Erisman, Ms. Lu, and Ms. Song, whose applications would be reviewed separately. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Gilliland made the motion to deny the application of Yong C. Song based on educational discrepancies and the school not being in compliance as reported by NCBTMB. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Gilliland made the motion to deny the application of Yunxia Lu based on educational discrepancies and the school not being in compliance as reported by NCBTMB. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Gilliland made a motion to deny the application of Brandie A. Erisman for educational discrepancies and requested a more detailed course descriptions to determine applicant's qualifications. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Gilliland reported on the recent FSMTB meeting. He reported that during that meeting, NCBMTB had released a statement concerning difficulties in cooperative relationship between the two organizations. The Board reviewed the NCBMTB statement and FSMTB's response. Mr. Gilliland also reported on a variety of other topics discussed at FSMTB meeting.

The Board inquired about the legalities of employer non-compete/hiring agreements and solicitation of clients. Mr. Bledsoe reported that the Board did not have jurisdiction in these matters.


The next Board meeting is scheduled on Friday, January 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Mr. Gilliland made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Stephens adjourned the meeting at 12:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Stephens
Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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