



## ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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### MINUTES Board Meeting Friday, July 27, 2012

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, July 27, 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, Donna Sertell, Mr. Foad Araiinejad and Gwen Motley (arrived 10:29 a.m.). Members not in attendance were Willie DeVold and Ms. Angel Stacey. Also in attendance were Randy Barrows, Mr. Bill Garrett (Legal Counsel), Mike James and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren). A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m.

Public notice of this meeting was published on the Secretary of State's web site at [www.sos.alabama.gov](http://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](http://www.almtbd.alabama.gov).

The minutes from the June 15, 2012 meeting were presented to the Board members for their review. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2012 Board meeting as presented (available for viewing in the Board's Official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Barrows 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. Gilliland made the motion that the Executive Director Report and Financial Report be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed changes pertaining to the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork's (NCBTMB) requirements for certification. Mr. Barrows reported that the NCBTMB will continue to administer examinations for AL, which requires less hours than NCBTMB's certification program.

The Board also reviewed and discussed general questions presented in advance of the meeting by an attendee at the meeting.

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

Mr. Gilliland 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 Mr. Araiinejad and a roll call vote was conducted:

Mr. Gilliland, aye; Ms. Sertell, nay; Mr. Araiinejad, aye; and Ms. Motley, abstained. The motion was approved by the Board.

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

Mr. Garrett reported that written consumer complaints about massage therapy services offered in Alabama had been received and investigated. A Board member was assigned to review the individual complaint(s) and make recommendations for action.

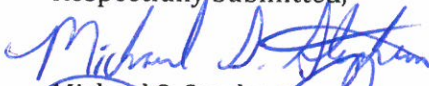
Ms. Motley inquired about a micro-circuit device with a cold laser for use by licensed massage therapists and recommended that the definition of therapeutic massage and related touch therapy modalities be amended to allow for new devices. It was agreed that Mr. Stephens, as Board chair, would appoint a committee to review and make recommendation to the Board.

Ms. Sertell inquired about advertising massage therapy services on the Internet and taking appointments. This topic was deferred pending an investigation of a complaint on record.


The next meeting of the Board will be August 17, 2012.

There being no further business, Mr. Gilliland made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael S. Stephens  
*Chair*

Keith E. Warren  
*Executive Director*