



ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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MINUTES Board Meeting February 8, 2019

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, February 8, 2019, at the Board Office located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama, to conduct regular business. The following Board members were in attendance: Dr. Lance Gilliland (Board Vice Chair), Ms. Gwen Motley (member), Mr. Michael Stephens (member) and Mr. Foad Araiinejad (member). Member absent was Mr. Willie DeVold (member). Also in attendance were Mr. Keith Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Matt Bledsoe (Legal Counsel), Ms. Jenna Lanier (Board Administrator), Ms. Jennifer Love (Legal Assistant) and Ms. Renee' Reames (recording secretary). Guests were also in attendance at the Board meeting. A quorum of the members was present and the meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Dr. Gilliland, Board Vice Chairman.

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.

Mr. Warren reported that Lemar Storey had resigned from the Board effective February 7, 2019 due to other commitments. The Board members expressed their appreciation for Mr. Storey's service on the Board.

The minutes from the November 9, 2018 Board meeting were presented to the Board for their approval. A copy of the minutes was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Ms. Motley made a motion to approve the November minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stephens and unanimously approved by the Board (available for viewing in the Board's Official Book of Minutes).

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director Report to include the FY 2019 Financial Report as of December 31, 2018 (detailed report on file in the Board's Official Book of Minutes.). Also reported were the current number of licensees and number of complaints received during FY 2019.

Mr. Warren also presented the Administrator's Report containing a list of administrative activities accomplished by the staff since the last Board meeting, along with a list of inspections conducted by Mr. James during the first quarter of FY 2019 (report available for viewing in the Board's Official Book of Minutes).

Ms. Motley made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Bledsoe presented the Legal Counsel Report and reported that a Public Notice had been issued by the Attorney General's Office concerning the use, sale, possession and distribution of CBD oils. The Board discussed educating licensees on the illegal use in Alabama and enforcement of this Public Notice. Mr. Bledsoe agreed to provide a summary of the Public Notice, which would be posted on the Board's website and Mr. Warren indicated that an educational email would be sent to the licensees concerning this matter.

Mr. Warren presented the recommendations from the Education Committee for the Board's review (see report in Official Book of Minutes) which included the recommendation that Massage School Instructors have a HS diploma or equivalent and possess one of three qualifications: (1) licensed as LMT for minimum of three years and obtained 20 CE hours in the education realm; or (2) minimum of 2 years as LMT and obtained 40 CE hours in the education realm, or (3) LMT for 4 years and obtained 10 CE hours in the education realm. The Board discussed the Committee's recommendation that continuing education (CE) be NCBMTB-approved education or obtained internship hours through an NCBMTB-Assigned school. The Board considered obtaining CE hours from any national organization that may be Board-approved. Mr. Warren reported that proposed legislation approved by Board included a HS diploma or equivalent education and 4 LMT years for an instructor, along with proper training requirements. The Board concurred that language in the proposed legislation should be expanded to include a Board-approved national organizations for continuing education, etc.

Mr. Warren presented the renewal of the Administrative Services Contract for the Board's approval. Ms. Motley made a motion to approve the annual renewal of the Administrative Services Contract with Warren & Company, Inc., with no changes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that the annual election of Board officers was due. The Board discuss the current vacancies on the Board and agreed to defer the election until the next meeting, allowing time for new appointments to the Board. Mr. Warren indicated that nominations would be sought by posting an announcement on the Board's website to fill the vacancies by congressional districts. He reminded the members that the Board statute allowed for 2 consecutive terms on the Board and interested individuals should submit a copy of their resume and letter of interest and willingness to serve on the Board.

Ms. Lanier presented applications for the Board's review and approval (a full list of the applications approved by the Board can be viewed in the official Book of Minutes). Ms. Motley made the motion to ratify the Executive Director's approval of the massage therapist applications. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stephens and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren recommended that the Board amend the Rules authorizing the Executive Director consider applications of applicants who had graduated from Alabama Massage Therapy schools, regardless of their current state of residence. The Board asked the Executive Director and Board Counsel to work on an amended version of the Rule and present to the Board at a future meeting.

Mr. Araiinejad made the motion to approve the instructor applications as presented by Ms. Lanier. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stephens and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Stephens made a motion to approve the school renewal applications as presented by Ms. Lanier. The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board reviewed the massage therapist applications submitted by individuals who had attended out-of-state massage therapy schools. Following a review, Ms. Motley made a motion to approve the applications as presented by Ms. Lanier. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stephens and unanimously approved by the Board.

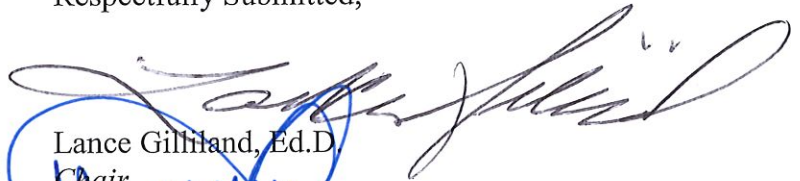
Mr. Warren reminded the Board about the Board Training session scheduled March 1, 2019 at the State Capitol auditorium. The Board discussed efforts to fill expired and vacant Board positions and Mr. Warren suggested the Board members attend the Board Training session in the Fall, after Board appointments had been confirmed.

Ms. Motley requested approval to attend the World Massage Conference scheduled in May, 2019. Ms. Motley made the motion to approval Ms. Motley to represent the Board at the World Massage Conference. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Gilliland announced that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled Friday, April 12, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Ms. Motley made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stephens and unanimously approved by the Board. Dr. Gilliland adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Lance Gilliland, Ed.D.
Chair

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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