



ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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MINUTES Board Meeting April 14, 2017

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, April 14, 2017 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. Willie DeVold (member) and Mr. Foad Araiinejad (member). Members not in attendance were Mr. Lemar Storey and Ms. Gwen Motley. Also in attendance were Mr. Randy Barrows (Administrator), Mr. Matt Bledsoe (Legal Counsel), Mr. Mike James (Investigator/Inspector), Jennifer Love (Legal Assistant) 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 by Mr. Stephens at 10:04 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 January 14, 2017 Board meeting were presented to the Board members for their approval. A copy of the minutes was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the January minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board (available for viewing in the Board's Official Book of Minutes).

Mr. Bledsoe reported that the Board had received application requests from two individuals; one connected with a previous consumer complaint (Applicant #1) and another whose license was inactive for over five years and a Consent Agreement had been issued for violations as an unlicensed LMT working in an unlicensed establishment (Applicant #2). Mr. DeVold made a motion to create a committee comprised of Mr. Lance Gilliland, Mr. Matt Bledsoe and Mr. Mike James and that this committee would review application requests, interview the applicants and present a recommendation to the Board for approval. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Gilliland made a motion to recess the meeting for 30 minutes to allow time for the Committee to meet with Applicant #1. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Stephens called a 30-minute recess at 10:14 a.m.

Mr. Stephens reconvened the business meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Mr. Bledsoe reported that the Application Review Committee had met with Applicant #1 and the Committee recommended not to renew the license of Applicant #1 as a result of the consumer complaint. Mr. DeVold made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Application Review

Committee concerning Applicant #1. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. DeVold made a motion to recess the meeting for 30 minutes to allow time for the Committee to meet with Applicant #2. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Stephens called a 30-minute recess at 10:50 a.m.

Mr. Stephens reconvened the business meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Mr. Bledsoe reported that the Application Review Committee had met with Applicant #2 and the Committee recommended that the Consent Agreement be modified by reducing the disciplinary fine to \$250 for the establishment violation and \$250 for the unlicensed violation, and such fines would be paid when the application for an establishment license was submitted and the other fee paid upon submission of LMT application, following completion of the MBLEx exam. Following discussion by the Board, Mr. DeVold made a motion to not accept the Committee's full recommendation, but to keep the disciplinary fines at \$500 per violation, and the respective fines would be payable at the time that the Establishment application was submitted and the LMT application was submitted upon completion of the MBLEx examination. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and approved by the majority of the members present, with one abstaining vote by Mr. Gilliland.

Mr. Barrows presented the Executive Director's Report, to include the FY 2017 Financial Report as of March 31, 2017 (detailed report 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 to-date in FY 2017. Mr. DeVold made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Barrows also presented the Administrator's Report containing a list of administrative activities accomplished since the last Board meeting, along with a list of FY 2017 inspections conducted by Mr. Mike James (October 2016 through March, 2017.).

Mr. Bledsoe reported that he had no additional information to report for the Legal Counsel Report.

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

Mr. Gilliland made the motion to approve the instructor applications as presented by Mr. Barrows (a list of the approved applications is available in the Board's Official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the school renewal applications as 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. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Araiinejad made a motion to approve the Continuing Education Provider application submitted by Somatic Solutions. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board (see list available in the Board's Official Book of Minutes).

The Board reviewed the massage therapist applications submitted by individuals who had attended out-of-state schools, etc. Following a review, Mr. Gilliland made a motion to approve the applications (a list available in the Board's Official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Barrows reported that an email had been received concerning Schools, accreditation and licensing requirements. A copy was provided to the Board. Mr. Stephens indicated that discussion concerning this matter would be deferred until the next meeting to allow the Board members more time to review the contents of the email.

Mr. DeVold made a motion for Mike James, Board Investigator/Inspector, to attend the FBI Academy meeting in June. The motion was seconded by Mr. Arainejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. James reported, on behalf of the Application Review Committee, that Applicant #1 had indicated that they were withdrawing their application for licensure and would be moving out-of-state.

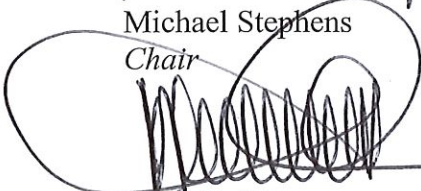
The next Board meeting is scheduled on Friday, July 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Mr. Stephens adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Stephens
Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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