



ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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MINUTES Board Meeting October 13, 2017

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, October 13, 2017 at the Board Office located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama, to conduct regular business. The following Board members were in attendance: Mr. Michael Stephens (Chair), Mr. Willie DeVold (member), Mr. Foad Araiinejad (member), Ms. Gwen Motley (member) and Mr. Lemar Storey (member). Member not in attendance was Mr. Lance Gilliland. Also in attendance were Keith Warren (Executive Director), 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). Guests were also in attendance at the Board meeting. A quorum of the members was established and the meeting was called to order by Mr. Stephens at 10:00 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.

Ms. Leigh A Clark, owner of Better Bodies Massage Institute, requested to appear before the Board concerning her school's renewal application, and following discussions with Ms. Clark, it was the consensus of the Board to consider the school application later in the meeting during application review process.

Mr. Stephens turned the meeting over to Mr. Jerry Wood, Administrative Law Judge, to preside over the complaint hearing in the matter of Tai Chi Acupressure (case 2017-002). It was determined that proper notice was given to the parties involved in the case; however, the Respondent was not in attendance at the hearing. After evidence was presented by the Board's attorney, Judge Wood closed the hearing stating that he would review the evidence and make a written recommendation to the Board.

Mr. Stephens called a recess of the Board at 10:41 a.m. for ten (10) minutes.

Mr. Stephens reconvened the Board meeting at 10:56 a.m.

The minutes from the July 14, 2017 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. Mr. Araiinejad made a motion to approve the July 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. Warren presented the Executive Director's Report, to include the FY 2017 Financial Report as of September 30, 2017 (detailed report on file in the Board's Official Book of Minutes.). Also reported were the total number of licensees and complaints received in FY 2017.

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. Mike James during this period (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. Warren commented on the FSMTB annual meeting that he attended in September and the efforts by the Federation to prevent human trafficking, establish a national licensee disciplinary database and report examination scores as pass or fail rather than by examination scores.

Mr. Bledsoe reported that he had no cases at this time to present in his Legal Counsel Report.

Mr. Warren presented for the Board's approval the annual renewal of the Administrative Services Contract. Mr. DeVold made the motion to approve the renewal of the Administrative Services contract for another year, with no changes to the contract. The motion was seconded by Mr. Motley and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Stephens reported that the annual election of Board officers was due and called for nominations from the members. Mr. DeVold nominated Mr. Storey as Chair. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Motley. There were no other nominations for Board Chair and the Board unanimously approved Mr. Storey as Board Chair. Mr. DeVold nominated Mr. Gilliland as Board Vice Chair. The nomination was seconded by Ms. Motley. There were no other nominations for Board Vice Chair and the Board unanimously approved Mr. Gilliland as Board Vice Chair.

Mr. Warren presented a proposed list of dates to conduct Board meetings in 2018. Ms. Motley made a motion to accept the following 2018 meeting dates: January 5th, April 6th, July 13th and October 5th. The motion was seconded by Mr. Storey and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

Mr. Araiinejad made a motion to approve the school renewal applications as presented by Mr. Barrows. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Araiinejad made a motion to approve the CE Provider application. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board.

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

Mr. Barrows presented applications for a special review and the Board took the following action:

- Mr. Araiinejad made the motion to deny the application by Jun Li based on NCBMTB revocation of the school's certification. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board.
- Mr. Araiinejad made the motion to deny the application of Lihua Yang based on NCBMTB revocation of the school's certification. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board.
- Mr. Araiinejad made the motion to deny the application of Ping Li Moore based on educational discrepancies in the exam score report date prior to graduation date and school was revoked by NCBMTB. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board.
- Mr. Araiinejad made the motion to deny the application of Dongmei Ni based on MBLEX exam score report date prior to graduation date. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board.
- Mr. Araiinejad made the motion to deny the application of Di Chen based on no school accreditation was provided and MBLEx exam score report date prior to graduation date. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board.
- Mr. Araiinejad made the motion to deny the application of Fangping Hou based on MBLEx exam score report date prior to graduation date. The motion was seconded by Mr. DeVold and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed presenting proposed legislative changes regarding acupressure services.

Mr. Warren and the Board thanked Mr. Stephens for his time and services as Board Chair.

Mr. Stephens announced that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled January 5, 2018.

There being no further business, Mr. Stephens adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Stephens

Chair



Keith E. Warren

Executive Director

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