



## ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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### MINUTES Board Meeting Friday, April 13, 2012

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, April 13, 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, Ms. Gwen Motley, and Ms. Donna Sertell. Members not in attendance were Mr. Willie DeVold, Mr. Foad Araiinejad and Ms. Angel Stacey. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Bill Garrett (Legal Counsel arrived at 10:40 a.m.), Mr. Nick Vonderau, (Administrator), and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren). A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:16 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 February 24, 2012 meeting were presented to the Board members for their review. Ms. Motley made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2012 Board meeting as presented (available for viewing in the Board's Official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren 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. He indicated the number of establishment license had increased due to inspections being conducted. Mr. Gilliland made the motion that the Executive Director Report and Financial Report be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sertell and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported on the replies from individuals who received Notice of Administrative Hearings and he reported that two consent agreements are pending signature and payment of fines, which if not resolved would result in Administrative Hearings.

Mr. James reported on issues observed during inspection of schools. He indicated that this was their initial inspection. The Board discussed the issues and deferred further discussion until later in the meeting.

Ms. Motley 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. Gilliland 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 Ms. Motley and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Motley made a motion to approve the renewal applications for Massage Therapy Schools (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.

Ms. Motley 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 Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board adjourned at 10:45 a.m. for a five minute break. The Board reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

The Board continued their discussion of the issues observed by Mr. James during inspection of schools and the Board agreed: (1) the original or duplicate license must be posted at every campus; (2) the school can be compensated, but the students cannot be compensated which includes no tips; (3) assigned bodywork should be supervised, to include homework, and should be supervised on the premises; (4) clinical hours should be a minimum of 50 hours. Mr. Garrett indicated that the maximum number of clinical hours are determined by the individual school; (5) clinical supervision must allow for the supervisor (LMT) to have direct access through open door policy and curtains are allowed.

The Board further discussed situations where students are taking the National Certification exam after completion of the minimum hours; however the students do not receive their transcripts due to non-payment to the school. The Board concurred that applicants for licensing must satisfy completion of required courses of instruction and graduated from an MT school. Mr. Warren indicated that he would write a letter to the schools, along with a copy of the Rule section. A draft will be distributed to the board members for comments prior to mailing to the schools.

The Board discussed upcoming national meetings. Ms. Motley indicated interest in attending to be held in Chicago on research concerning the benefits of massage therapy. Mr. Warren indicated that he plans to attend the FMTB meeting to be held in New Orleans in October. Mr. Warren reported that licensees can obtain 25% credit toward CEU if they write published articles in Board's newsletter.


Mr. Warren presented information for Special Review concerning an applicant licensed and in good standing in Florida, but does not have evidence of having passed the National exam. The Board agreed that Mr. Warren would write the applicant to obtain more information about CE's, etc.

There being no further business, Ms. Motley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilliland and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael S. Stephens  
Chair



Keith E. Warren  
Executive Director