



ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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MINUTES Board Meeting Thursday, April 24, 2008

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Thursday, April 24, 2008 at the Board Office, located at 610 S. McDonough Street, Montgomery, Alabama, in order to conduct business. The following Board members were in attendance: Ms. Tammie Friedrichs (Chair), Ms. Cynthia Harris (Vice-Chair), Mr. Arnold Askew, and Mr. Hal Richardson. The Board members not in attendance were: Ms. April Henderson, Ms. Judy White and Mr. Tommy O'Brien (Re-signed). Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Mary B. Windom (Board Counsel) and Mr. Randy Barrows (Executive Assistant). A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m.

Public notice of this meeting was published on the Secretary of State's web site in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act and advertised on the Board's web site at www.almtdb.alabama.gov.

Ms. Harris made a motion to approve the travel reimbursement statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Askew and unanimously approved by the Board.

The minutes from the January 11, 2008 and March 25, 2008 meetings were presented to the Board for its review. Ms. Harris made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented a detailed list of all payment vouchers and deposits. Mr. Askew made a motion to approve the financial information as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented information received in the office regarding the NESL examination now being offered by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork. After discussion, the Board directed Mr. Warren to further inquire about the process of the new examination, the qualifications for the exam and for certification. Mr. Warren will report back to the Board regarding the requested information.

Ms. Harris made a motion to approve the Massage Therapy Applications presented to the Board (list attached). The motion was seconded by Mr. Askew and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Askew made a motion to approve the applications for Massage Therapy Instructor (list attached). The motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Askew made a motion to approve the Massage Therapy School Renewal for the Birmingham School of Massage; in addition, Capps College, Inc. and Calhoun Community College is to be approved, pending the receipt of a list of massage therapy instructors and a transcript illustrating the hours per course. This motion was seconded by Mr. Richardson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Richardson made a motion to approve the applications for Continuing Education Providers (list attached). The motion was seconded Ms. Harris and unanimously approved by the Board. Please note that Mr. Askew did not review the application for Red Mountain Institute. It was reviewed by all other members present.

A special application review for Ms. Martin Houser was conducted by the Board. After review and discussion, Mr. Richardson made a motion to notify the applicant that the NCETMB would be required before the application could be approved for licensure. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harris and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed changes to the rules and regulations for the upcoming meetings. The Board was waiting to make these changes when the proposed legislation passed; however, it still did not pass during the 2008 Regular Legislative Session. Therefore, the Board is going to proceed with changes that need to be made to the current rules and regulations. Ms. Friedrichs asked members to review their notes and prepare their changes to present at the next quarterly Board meeting.

The Board discussed a summer edition newsletter and for all articles to be submitted by the end of May.

The Board directed Mr. Warren to research an audit process for continuing education hours submitted by licensees.

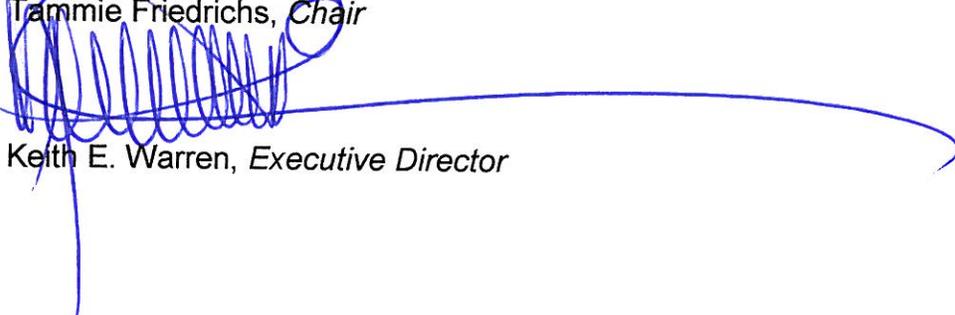
The next meetings are scheduled for June 6, 2008 in Birmingham, Alabama and August 1, 2008 in Montgomery, Alabama. Both meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Mr. Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 a.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Harris and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Tammie Friedrichs, *Chair*



Keith E. Warren, *Executive Director*