



ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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MINUTES Board Meeting Friday, December 9, 2011

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met on Friday, December 9, 2011, at the Board Office, located at 610 S. McDonough Street, 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, Ms. Donna Sertell, and Mr. Foad Araiinejad. Members not in attendance were Mr. Willie DeVold and Ms. Angel Stacey. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Mr. Bill Garrett, Legal Counsel, Mr. Randy Barrows (Executive Assistant), Mr. Mike James, Investigator, Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren) and Mr. Nick Vonderau. A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Public notice of this meeting was published on the Secretary of State's web site at 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.

A copy of the October 28, 2011 Board meeting minutes was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting for their review. Mr. DeVold made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2011 meeting as presented (available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that the proposed Rules to amend, repeal and add new rules had been published for public comment and no comments from the public had been received and no other revisions were presented for consideration. Mr. Gilliland made a motion to adopt the Rules as published. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sertell and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board discussed various modalities, legislative changes required to accept the MBLEx exam, and FSMTB membership fees.

Mr. Warren presented the proposed 2012 Board meeting dates for approval. There was no opposition to the proposed dates. The Board meetings will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the 2012 meeting schedule will be posted on the Board's website and the Secretary of State website, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

Mr. Warren reported that Warren & Company would be moving by year-end to their new office and the next Board meeting would be held at the new location on Zelda Road in Montgomery. Mr. Warren introduced Mr. Nick Vonderau with Warren and Company, who will be working with the Board.

Mr. Mike James reported on the 2011 Establishment inspections and typical violations noted during inspections. The Board discussed coordinating with schools to speak to massage therapy students about licensing requirements, etc.

Ms. Sertell 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. Garrett arrived at 10:25 a.m. due to a scheduling conflict.

Mr. Gilliland made a motion to table consideration of the new application received from Enterprise School of Massage due to discrepancies in the syllabus and curriculum presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Motley and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Motley made a motion to approve the Continuing Education Provider application as presented (a list is available for viewing in the Board's official Book of Minutes). The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented, for special review by the Board, applications from applicants with criminal backgrounds. The Board approved the application from the applicant with Arkansas violations and another application from an applicant with convictions in Maryland. The Board considered the application from the applicant with disclosures about activities in Georgia. Ms. Sertell made a motion to deny the application for licensing and invited the applicant to meet with the Board if further consideration was requested by the applicant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad. A roll call vote was recorded as follows to deny the application: Mr. Gilliland, aye; Ms. Sertell, aye; Mr. Araiinejad, aye; and Ms. Motley, nay. The motion to deny the application was approved by majority vote of the Board.

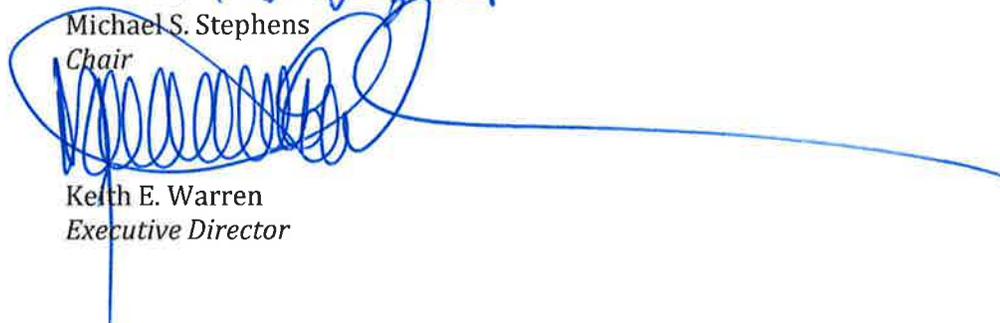
The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is January 20, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Ms. Sertell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Araiinejad and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael S. Stephens
Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director