



NORTH CAROLINA BOARD of MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY

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OPEN SESSION MINUTES

April 5, 2012; 10:00 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Wachovia Capitol Center Building

150 Fayetteville Street, 13th Floor Large Conference Room, Raleigh, NC 27601

"The mission of the NCBMBT is to regulate the practice of massage and bodywork therapy in the State of North Carolina to ensure competency, and to protect the public health, safety and welfare."

TIME AND PLACE

The North Carolina Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy met in Open Session in the offices of the Board on April 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms. Jaime Huffman, Ms. Darinda Davis, Mr. Kevin Powell, Dr. Edwin Preston, Ms. Candace Frye, Mr. Robby Brown and Mr. Josh Herman.

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Mr. Charles Wilkins and Mr. Ben Thompson, Legal Counsel to the Board, Ms. Bonnie Kennedy, Administrative Director and Ms. Elizabeth Welden, Administrative Assistant

CHAIR

Ms. Huffman. In the absence of Ms. Huffman, Mr. Powell, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Ms. Welden

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mr. Powell asked if any Board member had any conflict of interest with any item on the meeting's agenda. There being no conflict, the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board approved its minutes of February 9, 2012. Mr. Wilkins explained the procedure for obtaining a preliminary injunction. Ms. Huffman arrived and presided over the remaining meeting agenda.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved as presented.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Wilkins reported:

New Rules

There are no rules scheduled for review.

Status of Amendments to Practice Act

There are no amendments to the Practice Act scheduled for consideration.

Disciplinary Hearings

There are no hearings scheduled today.

Ms. Kennedy reported:

Licensee Report

11,952 licenses have been issued
7,447 active licenses

Renewal Report

There were 3,413 licensees scheduled to renew for the 2012-2013 renewal period including licenses that expired December 31, 2009. 2,440 licensees have renewed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee

Mr. Powell reported the Committee met March 6, 2012, and discussed the matters set forth in the minutes of the Committee.

The Board discussed the recommendation of the Committee that licensees not be required to provide criminal history record checks when they renew their licenses. The Board agreed the expense, effort and effect of mandating a criminal history record check with renewals was not feasible or necessary at this time.

License Standards Committee

Ms. Huffman reported the Committee met February 10, 2012 and April 5, 2012, and discussed the matters set forth in the minutes of the Committee.

School Approval Committee

Mr. Powell reported the Committee met February 24, 2012 and April 4, 2012, and discussed the matters set forth in the minutes of the Committee.

At the April 4, 2012 meeting, the Committee met with M&M Consulting to discuss school renewals. There are 14 schools scheduled to renew this year and the Board is in receipt of most of the applications for review. M&M also addressed teacher requirements and are satisfied with the level of quality of teaching in the schools. M&M also provided the Committee with a summary of their responsibilities for the SAC and Board along with a copy of the materials they use to complete those responsibilities.

Establishment Regulation Committee

There are no written reports.

Communications Committee

Ms. Davis reported the Committee met February 9, 2012, and discussed the matters set forth in the minutes of the Committee.

FAQs

The Committee informed the Board that the FAQs are complete and ready to be placed on the Public Section of the Board's website.

Public Education Campaign

Ms. Davis advised the Board that the draft for the video script will be given to the Committee for review. The Committee has chosen a videographer for the video.

Jurisprudence Learning Exercise Committee

There are no written reports.

Licensing Boards Coordination Committee

There are no written reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Email response to ReFaceology

The Board reviewed the response to the question regarding ReFaceology massage.

Public Education Campaign

The public education campaign was discussed in the Communications Committee report.

FSMTB

Ms. Huffman recused herself from discussion about the FSMTB. Mr. Wilkins advised the Board that Ms. Huffman may answer questions regarding the FSMTB since she was a delegate for the NCBMBT before she became a Board member of the FSMTB. The Board discussed the proposal for the new continued competence model and agreed the information provided was vague. It is recommended the Board review the full report on the FSMTB website. Pursuant to Dr. Preston's recommendation, the issue was referred to the Policy Committee for review and further comment. Any further comment from Board members should be sent to the Policy Committee by April 16, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

NC Ethics Commission Newsletter

The newsletter was presented to the Board members and they were advised to complete the information by the deadline.

NCBTMB announcement

The Board reviewed the NCBTMB new program announcement.

FSMTB Annual Meeting

The FSMTB Annual Meeting will be held September 27-29, 2012 in New Orleans, LA. Ms. Huffman advised the Board members to send an email if interested in attending.

Vasiliki Geros-Holmes

Ms. Geros-Holmes presented her appeal of the Licensing Standards Committee's decision to deny her application for a license.

Oncology Massage

Mr. Wilkins reported the Board received an email questioning whether persons practicing "Oncology Massage" are required to be licensed. The Board discussed whether "Oncology Massage" is a modality requiring licensure under the NCBMBT Practice Act. Upon motion made, seconded and passed, the

Board agreed “Oncology Massage” as described in the email is a modality requiring a massage and bodywork therapy license.

Citizens Advocacy Center

The CAC conference will be held June 12 & 13, 2012 in Washington, DC. Ms. Huffman advised the Board members to send an email if interested in attending.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board received comments from the public.

CLOSED SESSION

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and passed, and pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(1), (3) and (7) as well as NCGS 143-318.18(6), the Board went into Closed Session at 11:35 a.m.

OPEN SESSION

The Board returned to Open Session at 2:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Ms. Jaime Huffman, Chair

Dr. Edwin Preston, Treasurer