

LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

November 4, 2016

Minutes of Open Board Meeting

PLACE: Louisiana State Archives
3851 Essen Lane
Baton Rouge, LA 70809

TIME: 10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER – Time: 10:12 AM By: Linda Strickland

ROLL CALL - P = Present A= Absent

Sallye Raymond, CIO: P

Faith Miller, Treasurer: A

Colleen Curran, Board Member: P

Linda Strickland, Chair: P

Robin Alexander, Secretary: P

Shari Harter, Vice Chair: P

APPROVE MINUTES – October 21, 2016

Motion to approve the minutes and make a part of the LBMT's permanent records made by Sallye Raymond and seconded by Colleen Curran. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER REPORT

Financials – Treasurer – Faith Miller

Report discussed and reviewed. Rhonda McManus, Executive Director stated that due to flood issues some records not available; therefore all financials would be presented at the February meeting.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT – Rhonda McManus

The Board staff had been given the approval to begin moving back into the permanent space. They are completely out of the storage space at this time. Scheduling of the reinstall of technology and equipment is been done. There were five complaints and all have been addressed. Linda Strickland, Rhonda McManus, and Robin Alexander attended the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards' (FSMTB) annual meeting in Ohio. There were 40 states, District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico represented. Implementation of Massage Policy for taking the MBLEX was ratified and takes effect July 1, 2017. As always the staff appreciates the LBMT board members' support and thanks them for all they do. The goal is to be uniform, consistent, and compliant.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Application for Licensure

A. License Applicant

1. Nathan Hennick

Motion to approve the application information for licensure of Nathan Hennick made by Sallye Raymond and seconded by Shari Harter. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Draping

Motion to table issue until the February Board meeting in order to obtain more information made by Colleen Curran and seconded by Shari Harter. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Advertising

Motion to check social media regarding advertising issues only when a complaint is made to the Board made by Robin Alexander and seconded by Sallye Raymond. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Litigation Discussion*

C608065 Section: 22 19th Judicial District Court

Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy vs. Kayla Perkins Aymond

Motion to enter into Executive Session at 11:10 AM made by Robin Alexander and seconded by Sallye Raymond. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 11:17 AM made by Robin Alexander and seconded by Colleen Curran. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to re-enter Executive Session made at 11:19 by Sallye Raymond and seconded by Colleen Curran. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to come out of Executive Session made at 11:36 by Sallye Raymond and seconded by Colleen Curran. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to move forward with the recommendations provided by Special Counsel to the Board regarding litigation proceedings made by Shari Harter and seconded by Colleen Curran. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Applications for Licensure

A. License Applicant

1. Nicole Cox

Motion to accept application information for Nicole Cox made by Sallye Raymond and seconded by Colleen Curran. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Emily Foret

Motion to accept the application information as presented for Emily Foret made by Sallye Raymond and seconded by Robin Alexander. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Cheng Knowles

Motion not to accept application information as presented for Cheng Knowles made by Robin Alexander and seconded by Shari Harter. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Jennifer Torres

Motion not to accept application information for Jennifer Torres and for Board staff to request additional information made by Sallye Raymond and seconded by Shari Harter. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to allow the Board staff to approve application upon receipt of requested documentation from Jennifer Torres made by Robin Alexander and seconded by Sallye Raymond. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to recess for lunch for 30 minutes made at 12:11 by Sallye Raymond and seconded by Robin Alexander. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting called back to order at 12:51 by Linda Strickland, Chair.

2. Continuing Education Programs

A. Non-Standard Program or Course of Study

1. Alexis Jackson – Introduction to Anatomy & Physiology

Motion to accept the course Introduction to Anatomy & Physiology presented by Alexis Jackson as a CE credit for 12 hours made by Sallye Raymond and seconded by Shari Harter. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Program for CE Approval/Denial

1. Functional Movement Techniques Series – FMT Performance

Motion to accept Functional Movement Techniques Series – FMT Performance as an approved program for CE credit made by Robin Alexander and seconded by Colleen Curran. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Request to waive CE Requirement Due to Flooding Emergency

Motion to deny request to waive CE requirements due to flooding emergency made by Robin Alexander and seconded by Shari Harter. Motion carried on a 3 – 1 vote.

4. Discussion on Reciprocity

Motion requiring applicant to be in possession of a valid, current, and unexpired license issued by another state when applying under reciprocity made by Sallye Raymond and seconded by Shari Harter. Motion carried unanimously.

Several comments made and further discussion held after approval of motion. Legal Counsel recommended that motion be restated and duly approved.

Motion requiring applicant when applying under reciprocity to be in possession of a valid, current, and unexpired license issued by another state with a completed application package; when it is received at the Board office the date of receipt will be as of the postmark date made by Sallye Raymond and seconded by Shari Harter. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Board Meeting Dates for 2017

Motion to set dates in 2017 as February 10, May 12, August 11, and November 3 for quarterly Board meetings made by Colleen Curran and seconded by Sallye Raymond. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting at 1:42 PM made by Sallye Raymond and seconded by Shari Harter. Motion carried unanimously.

*The Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy reserves the right to enter into Executive Session, if needed, in accordance with La. R.S. 42:16, the Open Meeting Law.

Respectfully submitted by:



Robin R. Alexander, Secretary for LBMT