

LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

May 11, 2018

Minutes of Board Meeting

PLACE: Louisiana State Archives

TIME: 10:00 AM

3851 Essen Lane

Baton Rouge, LA 70809

CALL TO ORDER- Time 10:00 AM

By: Robin Alexander

ROLL CALL- P= Present A= Absent

Robin Alexander, Board Chair- P

Jeanne "Bunny" Angers, Vice Chair, CE Reviewer- A

Mary Bel, Treasurer- P

Antoinette Joseph, Secretary, Complaint Investigation Officer- P

Dixon McMakin, Board Member- P

James "Jim" Steele, Board Member- P

Notification of Resignation of - Lisa Coker

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment made by:

No public comment was made.

BUSINESS

1. Approve Minutes - February 9, 2018

Motion to approve February 2018 minutes with corrections made by James Steele seconded by Dixon McMakin. Motion was carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer Report

Treasurer report was presented by Mary Sue Stages.

3. Hearings (2)

A. Fleur De Touch

Motion for business Fleur De Touch and owner Latasha Benjamin to be declared ineligible for licensure as an establishment unless the outstanding fine of \$150.00 is paid made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by James Steele. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion for a 5 minute recess made by James Steele seconded by Antoinette Joseph. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to go into executive session made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by Mary Bel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to come out of executive session made by Dixon McMakin seconded by Mary Bel. Motion carried unanimously.

B. William Passman

Motion to find Mr. Passman guilty of violating Louisiana Title 46, of Massage Therapist, Chapter 53 §5301 (2) (Exhibit 12), (4) (Exhibit 2 & 3), (5) (Exhibit 12), (16) (Exhibit 7); In accordance with Chapter 25, §2501 (B) (Exhibits 7 & 9), Chapter 31 §3101 (C) & (B) (Exhibit 9). Charged with a fine totaling \$1,000.00, license to be suspended for 90 days, to be eligible to reapply after 90 days with a condition of reapplication of obtaining 4 hours of ethics training and a letter to be sent to all clients of Mr. Passman dating back to October of 2016 to find said action on the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy website to be drafted by the executive director made by Dixon McMakin seconded by Antoinette Joseph. (4 yes and 1 abstention.)

4. Litigation discussion 2

C608065 Section: 22,19th Judicial District Court

Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy vs. Kayla Perkins Aymond

Trial set for May 15th and 16th.

5. Executive Director Report - Rhonda McManus

Renewal season was as follows: Jan. 6%, Feb. 13.5% and 80.5% in March for a total of 2,747 renewals processed. Netshapers computer system update will be available late summer. Reminder for all Board Members - Tier 2.1 Annual Financial disclosure filed by May 15th each year.

6. Continuing Education Programs

A. Program for CE Approval/ Denial

1. Visceral manipulation: The Pelvis (VM3)

Motion to deny approval of CE program made by Dixon McMakin seconded by Mary Bel. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Non-Standard Program

- 1. Anne Marie- Garic- LT1: Visceral Manipulation: Listening Techniques 1; An Integrative Approach to Evaluation**

Motion to deny CE course due to the date it was taken made by Dixon McMakin seconded by James Steele. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2. Diana Panara - Pranic Healing**

Motion to deny refund of CE course cost made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by Dixon McMakin. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB)

A. Membership

Motion to approve renewal of membership made by Dixon McMakin seconded by James Steele. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Annual Meeting

Motion to nominate Jeanne Angers as board delegate made by Dixon McMakin seconded by Jim Steele. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to tentatively approve Antoinette Joseph to attend the FSMTB made by Dixon McMakin seconded by Antoinette Joseph. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to send Rhonda McManus as LBMT board executive to the FSMTB annual meeting made by Dixon McMakin seconded by Mary Bel. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Massage Therapy Licensing Database (MLTD)

Motion to allow the LBMT to participate in the web portal made by Dixon McMakin seconded by Antoinette Joseph. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Proposal to submit a resolution to FSMTB regarding English Language

Motion to draft a letter from Robin Alexander with the board staff regarding English proficiency to the FSMTB Board made by Dixon McMakin seconded by Mary Bel. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Rule Revision Committee

A. Update

Awaiting updated revisions

10. Contracts

A. Amendment of Legal Contract for Kantrow, Spaht, Weaver and Blitzer

Motion to amend current contract by \$10,000.00 if needed made by Dixon McMakin seconded by Jim Steele. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Contract Renewal

1. Legal

a. General Counsel

Motion to approve Department of Justice contract at \$50,000.00 with per hour according to the Attorney General fee schedule July 2018 – June 2019 made by Dixon McMakin seconded by Mary Bel. Motion carried unanimously.

b. Special Counsel

Motion to approve Kantrow, Spaht, Weaver and Blitzer contract at \$90,000.00 with per hour according to the Attorney General fee schedule for July 2018 - June 2019 made by Jim Steele seconded by Antoinette Joseph. Motion carried unanimously.

2. CPA

Motion to approve Mary Sue Stages CPA in the amount of \$20,000.00 at \$600 per month for July 2018 - June 2019 made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by Jim Steele. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Inspector

Motion to approve Advanced Investigative Technologies contract at \$40,000.00 at \$40/hr. for July 2018 – June 2019 made by Jim Steele seconded by Dixon McMakin. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by Mary Bel. Motion carried unanimously.

1Public Comment Policy- The Public is allowed to speak for (5) minutes per agenda item at least twice with the Board's discretion to allow more time if needed.

2The 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.

Respectably submitted by:



Antoinette V. Joseph, Secretary for LBMT