

LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

May 14, 2021

Board Meeting Minutes

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

TIME: 10:00 AM

CALL TO ORDER –Time 10:00

By: Sallye A. Raymond

ROLL CALL-P=Present A=Absent

Sallye A. Raymond, Board Chair, P

Jeanne “Bunny” Angers, Vice Chair, CE Reviewer, P

Antoinette Joseph, Secretary, P

Casey Little, Treasurer, Complaint Investigation Officer, P

James “Jim” Steele, Board Member, P

Mission of the Board read by Vice Chair – Jeanne Angers

Public Comment¹

No public comment

Business:

1. Approve Minutes

A. February 12, 2021, Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes of February 12, 2021, board meeting made by James Steele seconded by Antoinette Joseph. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer Report

A. Financials

Presented by Casey Little, Treasurer. The LBMT is operating within its budget.

3. Executive Director Report

Presented by: Rhonda McManus

Renewal season is complete for 2021. Ad campaign – radio spots are airing and bill boards are currently in New Orleans – Westbank and Bossier City. 12 complaints addressed since last meeting. Annual Human Trafficking training will be presented at upcoming board meeting by a

representative of the Department of Justice. Ethics Training and Sexual Harassment Training due by Dec. 31, 2021. LBMT was audited by the LA Property Assistance Agency on property files, physical inventory and fleet files. There were no findings or management concerns, 100% compliant.

4. Applications for Licensure

A. License Applicants 2

1. Bailey Brady

Motion to go into executive session in accordance with LA RS 42:16 and 42:17 the open meetings law to discuss the character and professional competence of the applicant by Antoinette Joseph, seconded by Jeanne Angers. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to come out of Executive Session by Jeanne Angers, seconded by James Steele. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Angela Thierry

Motion to approve this application made by Casey Little seconded by Antoinette Joseph. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Massage Emporium- Consent Agreement 2

Motion to go into executive session in accordance with LA RS 42:16 and 42:17 the open meetings law to discuss the character and professional competence of the subjects mentioned in the proposed consent agreement made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by Jeanne Angers. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to come out of executive session made by Jeanne Angers seconded by Antoinette Joseph. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to allow the C.I.O. to sign the consent agreement on behalf of the board made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by Jeanne Angers. 3 Yeas – Antoinette Joseph, Jeanne Angers, James Steele 1 Abstention – Casey Little

6. Disciplinary Action Report 2

Presented by Rhonda McManus on behalf of the C.I.O.

7. Referral of Background Checks to Counsel Policy

Motion to allow special counsel to handle all background checks made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by James Steele. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Review of Applications of Continuing Education Programs

A. Non-Standard Program

1. Medical Massage Practitioner for Janeth V. DeBenedetto-LMT#0380

Motion for Non-Standard Program Medical Massage Practitioner approved for Janeth V. DeBenedetto LA0380 for 20hrs to be used for CE Credit for renewal year 2022 made by Jeanne Angers seconded by Casey Little. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards

A. Annual Membership

Motion to renew membership made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by Casey Little. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Delegate for Annual Membership

Motion to approve Sallye Raymond as delegate for the 2021 annual meeting made by Jeanne Angers seconded by Antoinette Joseph. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Proposed Contract 2

A. Advanced Investigative Technologies LLC-Inspector

Motion to approve contract in the amount of \$60,000.00 for July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by James Steele. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Mary Sue Stages, CPA, APAC- Accounting

Motion to approve contract in the amount of \$10,000.00 for July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022 made by Jeanne Angers seconded by James Steele. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Butler Snow LLP-Legal

No motion was made.

D. Legal- General Counsel

Motion to allow Rhonda to seek General Counsel on the Board's behalf pending contract approval at August board meeting made by Casey Little seconded by Jeanne Angers. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to amend agenda to add item 10 (E) to obtain Special Legal Counsel made by Jeanne Angers seconded by Antoinette Joseph. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Special Legal Counsel

Motion for 10 min. break made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by Jeanne Angers.

Motion to come out of recess made by Casey Little seconded by Jeanne Angers. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Inquiries from Licensed Massage Therapist

A. Mollie Day (LMT LA0550)- Regarding percussive instruments (such as the Theragun) and electromagnetic therapy (such as the Bemer)

Motion made to allow Board staff to respond to therapist, Mollie Day, that the percussive instrument, Theragun does fall within the scope; however, the electromagnetic instrument, the Bemer, does not made by James Steele seconded by Casey Little. Motion carried unanimously.

12. Discussion of Questions and Answer Post on Website

Made by Jeanne Angers

13. Discussion of number of Board Meetings to be held each year

Made by Sallye Raymond

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 12: 47 pm made by Sallye Raymond seconded by Antoinette Joseph. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Antoinette V. Joseph, Secretary for LBMT