

LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

June 9, 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, A

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. May 14, 2021, Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes of May 14, 2021, board meeting made by James Steele seconded by Jeanne Angers. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion of Legal Counsel Roles

Jeffrey Wale, General Counsel for the board, explained the roles of General Counsel and Special Counsel. He referenced an Attorney General opinion that stated it is best to have two attorneys to answer James Steele’s question as to having just one attorney on contract. Contracting with two attorneys, one would prosecute and one would advise the board and may act as a hearing officer. The General Counsel may serve as a Hearing Officer for the board or the board may contract with a third attorney to serve as a Hearing Officer. It is recommended by the Attorney General’s Office for Board’s that prosecute to have two attorneys. A board may have more attorneys as long as the budget allows.

3. Contract Approval – Selection of General Counsel 2,3

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 attorneys applying to represent the board as General Counsel by Casey Little, seconded by Jeanne Angers. All approved.

Motion to come out of Executive Session Jeanne Angers, seconded by Casey Little. All approved.

Motion to contract with Daigle, Fisse & Kessenich for General Counsel made by Jeanne Angers, seconded by Sallye Raymond. Two members voting Yes – Jeanne Angers and Sallye Raymond. Zero members voting No and Zero abstentions. No voice vote – Casey Little and James Steele. Chairperson, Sallye Raymond, called the “I’s” have it.

4. Contract Approval – Special Counsel 2,3

Motion for Rhonda McManus to resubmit for Special Counsel to represent the board made by Jeanne Angers, seconded by James Steele. All approved.

Motion to set board meeting for June 30, 2021 for selection of Special Counsel and any other issues that may come before the board by Jeanne Angers, seconded by James Steele. All approved.

5. Contract Approval – Selection of Hearing Officer 2,3

Motion to table “Contract Approval – Selection of Hearing Officer” made by James Steele and seconded by Casey Little. All approved.

6. Review of Applications of Continuing Education Programs

A. Non-Standard Program

1. Reiki 1 and Reiki 2 for Anna Rosenberg (LMT #2884)

Motion to approve Anna Rosenberg to use the Reiki 1 and Reiki 2 course for her 2021 license renewal made by Casey Little seconded by James Steele. All approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 AM made by Casey Little seconded by James Steele. All approved.