

LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

October 16,2020

Board Meeting Minutes

PLACE: Holiday Inn Baton Rouge South
9990 Airline Hwy
Baton Rouge, LA 70816

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

Public Comment 1

Massage Envy Representative spoke

Business:

1. Approve Minutes

A. February 7, 2020 Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes of February 7, 2020 board meeting made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by Jeanne Angers. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Treasurer Report

A. Financials

The LBMT is operating as budgeted.

B. Budget

Motion to approve the 2021 - 2022 budget with an amendment to the Investigations to increase from \$20,000 to \$40,000 made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by Casey Little. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Executive Director Report

Presented by: Rhonda McManus

The rules committee meeting has been postponed due to the pandemic, 52 complaints have been addressed, Sexual Harassment Training and Ethics Training due by Dec. 31, 2021.

4. Applications for Licensure

A. License Applicants 2

1. Jianhong Chen

Motion to proceed with application process made by Jeanne Angers seconded by Antoinette Joseph. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Baiyan Zhang

Motion to proceed with application process made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by Jeanne Angers. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Katja Malachi

Motion to approve out of country education made by Jeanne Angers seconded by Antoinette Joseph. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Conditional License 2

A. Jason Jessie

Motion to remove conditional license requirements made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by Casey Little. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Continuing Education Programs

A. Non-Standard Program

1. Yomassage Therapist Training- Shelli White

Motion to deny non-standard program (content geared to Yoga and only approved for 10.5 hours by NCBTMB) made by James Steele seconded by Casey Little. Motion carried unanimously.

B. S.O.M. Therapy/ Diana Herec- Limits repeat courses

Update information.

7. Scope Inquiry

A. Michael Ford(LMT#1929)- Regarding the definition of Practice of Massage Therapy

Motion for board staff to respond to the inquiry and comments with the appropriate information made by Jeanne Angers seconded by Antoinette Joseph. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Inspections

A. Fines and Penalties

1. Status Change Fines

Motion to approve status change fines made by Jeanne Angers seconded by Antoinette Joseph. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Inspections submitted during March 11,2020-July 1, 2020

Motion to allow board staff to correspond with official notice for inspections performed March 11, 2020 –July 1, 2020 made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by James Steele. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion for a 5-minute break made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by Jeanne Angers. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting called back to order by Board Chair at 11:27 AM.

B. Schools with Massage Programs

Motion for Board staff to send a letter to all Massage Schools within the state informing them that they will be inspected based on their establishment license made by Casey Little seconded by Antoinette Joseph. 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. Voting Delegate

Motion to nominate Sallye Raymond made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by James Steele. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to go into executive session made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by Jeanne Angers. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion to go in executive session to discuss agenda items:

12. LBMT vs. Kayla Perkins Aymond Doc #C608065 pending litigation in accordance with LA R.S. 42:17, A2

13. Memo on Legal Advice to the Board in accordance with LA R.S. 42:17 A, 10 Lawyer Client Privilege LA C.E. 506

14. CIO/Special Counsel Report in accordance with LA R.S. 42:17, A1

Made by Antoinette Joseph and seconded by Jeanne Angers. All in favor – Antoinette Joseph, Jeanne Angers, Casey Little and James Steele. Board Chair, Sallye Raymond, not voting.

Motion to come out of executive session by Antoinette Joseph, seconded by Casey Little and James Steele. Board Chair, Sallye Raymond, not voting.

10. Proposed Contracts 2

A. Advanced Investigative Technologies LLC- Inspector

Motion to approve the contract for \$40,000 July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by Jeanne Angers. Motion carried unanimously.

B. J. Walker & Company, APC- Accounting

Motion to deny contract bid made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by Jeanne Angers. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Mary Sue Stages, CPA, APAC- Accounting

Motion to approve the contract for \$10,000 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by James Steele. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Butler Snow LLP- Legal

Motion to approve the contract for \$98,000 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by Jeanne Angers. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Department of Justice- Legal

Motion to approve the contract for \$42,000 from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by Casey Little. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Educational Ad Campaign

Motion to allocate \$45,000 to social media and \$30,000 to billboards made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by Casey Little. James Steele stepped out of the room and Board Chair, Sallye Raymond voted. Approved by Antoinette Joseph, Sallye Raymond, Jeanne Angers and Casey Little.

James Steele rejoined the meeting.

15. Board Meeting Dates

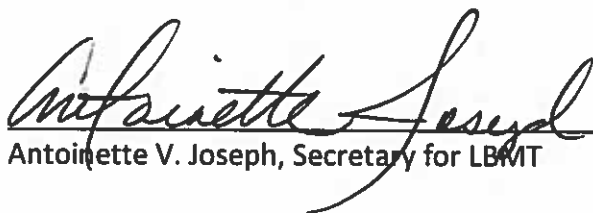
Motion to approve Feb. 12th, May, 14th, Aug. 13th and Nov. 5th as the 2021 meeting dates made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by Jeanne Angers. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to cancel Nov. 6th 2020 meeting made by Casey Little seconded by Antoinette Joseph. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:04 PM made by Antoinette Joseph seconded by James Steele. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted by:


Antoinette V. Joseph, Secretary for LBMT