LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY –
Meeting Minutes
January 30,2023 - Open Board Meeting – TIME: 9:30am

PLACE:
7711 Goodwood Blvd
Conference Room #102
Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Call to Order by Kathie Lea at 9:33 am
Roll Call P=Present A=Absent
Members:

Kathie Lea: Chairperson	P
Rosemary Wilkinson: Secretary	P
Karla Swacker	P
Donna Green	P
Sheri Morris: Attorney	P
James Raines: Attorney	P
Mary Sue Stages: CPA	P
Tricia Thibaut, Executive Director	P
Aubry Leiva: Executive Assistant	P
Chandra Wiley:	P

Business:

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 31,2022 board meeting
    a. Meeting minutes approved.
    Motioned by Rosemary Wilkinson and seconded by Donna Green, no board members opposed.
2. Treasurer's Report
    No report given
3. Mary Sue Stages, CPA
    a. Financial Report
    The CPA explained how to interpret the report given and explained that the board is operating at a net loss and decrease of net assests, which is common since the yearly renewal funds have not been received yet.
    Karla Swacker requested clarification on why the expiration date of licenses is March 31. The Chairperson clarified.
4. Chair Report
    a. Human Trafficking Seminar
    The Chairperson attended a conference on Human Trafficking in Massage Businesses in Los Angeles. She provided the board members with information on thenetworkteam.org. The Chairperson also advised the board that the term "Massage Parlor" is no longer used and to refer to these businesses as IMBs (Illicit Massage Businesses)
    b. Interstate Massage Compact
    The chairperson presented the proposed Interstate Massage Compact. In order for this compact to be enacted, seven (7) member boards will need to

enact this compact. Nebraska and Washington D.C. have already joined. The Chairperson expressed hesitance to join this compact since the suggestions in the compact are already in requirements of LA licensure. The Chair also informed the board that the applicants would have to pay between $600-$800 to join the compact and each board would have to pay between $10,000-$20,000 to join the compact.

The chair also updated the board on prospective future board members. 3 candidates were submitted to boards and commissions.

5. Establishment Application Review
   A. Geaux Spa & Fly Away Foot Massage
   This review is a reconsideration of the denial of these applications from the October 31,2022 board meeting as requested by the business owner. The review was scheduled for 10am. At 10:14, no representatives were present for the review.
   Karla Swacker motioned to uphold the denial. Motion was seconded by Rosemary Wilkerson.
6. Executive Director Report
   The executive director advised the board that the office staff has inspected all but 2 of the regions. The Executive Director advised the board that the office move was successful. The Office phones are still not functioning. The Executive Director also informed the board that the next meeting will be mostly disciplinary and administrative hearings.
   A. Board Meeting Dates
   The board chose the board meeting dates for 2023 as follows. March 17, June 12, September 25, November 3.
7. CEU Review
   a. Non Standard Request – Jenna Winslow, La 9209 – Oncology Massage
   Donna Green expressed concern that the provider is based in Ireland and had questions of the provider's credentials. After further clarification by James Raines, the provider is NCBTMB certified.

Karla Swacker motioned to approve this course. Motion seconded by Rosemary Wilkerson. No board members opposed.

   b. Non Standard Request- Jarrod Borne, LA 9046- Graston Technique: IASTM (Instrumented Assisted Soft Tissue Mobilization)
   Donna Green expressed that she does not feel that this modality is within the scope of practice for Louisiana Massage Therapists as it is not soft tissue mobilization. The Chairperson requested that at an upcoming meeting that the board review prohibited methods of practice and if any of the discussed practices are currently approved as Continuing Education courses. Donna Green motioned to deny this course. Motion seconded by Rosemary Wilkerson.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 11:00 by Karla Swacker and seconded by Donna Green. Motion carried unanimously

1Public Comment Policy –Public comments are limited to five (5) minutes per agenda item 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, 42:17, and La. C.E. art. 506.

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Respectfully Submitted by: Rosemary H. Mullenix