

OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING

ADVISORY BOARD ON MASSAGE THERAPY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING AGENDA
August 17, 2023
10:01 a.m.
2401 N.W. 23rd, Suite 61
Oklahoma City, OK 73107
Laura Grisso-Eyster, Chair – Presiding

1. Call to order, roll call, and determination of quorum

Chair Grisso-Eyster called the meeting to order. A quorum was established with roll call. The following members were present

Laura Eyster, Chair
Kelli Lene, Vice Chair
Marilyn Ihloff
Pam Matherly

Note: Robert Rowe was not present on this day

2. This regularly-scheduled meeting of the Oklahoma Advisory Board on Massage Therapy (“Board”) has been convened in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

Chair Eyster verified that agenda had been properly posted and agenda-ized.

Board Staff

Malena Curtsinger, Executive Director
John Funderburk, Principal Assistant
Janelle Hastings, Administrative Assistant

Board’s Legal Advisor

Kylie Cooper

Visitors

Mary Elizabeth Leblanc
Astrid Ray Kubier

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3. Possible discussion, revision, and vote to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023, Board meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Matherly and seconded by Ms. Ihloff to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023, Board meeting with the spelling correction of Ms. Eyster

Voting:

Kelli Lene, yes; Marilyn Ihloff, yes; Pam Matherly, yes.

Motion passed.

4. Public comment – The Board allows for members of the public to comment on items of business before the Board and properly noticed in the posted agenda. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. Cumulatively, public comment shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Anyone wishing to speak may sign-up in advance of the meeting.

No request for comment were heard.

5. Executive Director’s Report – Malena Curtsinger
Agency Operations Update

Ms. Curtsinger reported that the Board is in dire straits with regard to technology and staffing. We do not have a single employee in the license department, we lost three employees in the span of about a month due to life circumstances, one is currently on medical leave, two others had to resign. Processing times are delayed, the remaining staff are doing double and triple duty to make up for it, we are doing the best we can. We did three rounds of interviews, and finally had two temps that showed up and have been with us all week and have two licensing coordinators who are due to start on August 22. Once we get them in place and trained our processing time will pick up and we do plan to cross train among the three so all can cover for others.

As far as technology is concerned, we have contracted with Thentia about a year ago to develop new licensing software and have been given about four different ‘go live’ dates that have not materialized.

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6. Legislative update – Laura Grisso-Eyster

Ms. Eyster reported that the legislative committee met by phone call (later announced that was on 8.4.2023) and talked about dividing up the bills between establishment authority and everything else.

7. Discussion and possible action on legislation.

This item was discussion only, no action was taken.

Discussion included small changes to verbiage, in another jurisdiction to any jurisdiction, omitting license requirement for Massage therapy schools, examination for license (those are already covered under board of private and vocational schools)

Legislation must be presented for approval to the OSBCB at the November meeting.

8. Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Oklahoma State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering that it authorize Advisory Board member(s) to travel to the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards conference in San Diego, California, in order to attend critical training.

A motion was made by Ms. Matherly and seconded by Ms. Ihloff to recommend to the Oklahoma State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering that it authorize one (1) Advisory Board member to travel to the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards conference in San Diego, California, in order to attend critical training.

Voting:

Kelli Lene, yes; Marilyn Ihloff, yes; Pam Matherly, yes.

Motion passed.

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9. Discussion and possible action to elect officers, in accordance with OAC 175:20-3-1

A motion was made by Ms. Ihloff and seconded by Ms. Matherly to nominate Ms. Eyster to remain chair .

Voting:

Kelli Lene, yes; Marilyn Ihloff, yes; Pam Matherly, yes.

Motion passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Matherly and seconded by Ms. Ihloff to nominate Ms. Lene as vice chair.

Voting:

Kelli Lene, yes; Marilyn Ihloff, yes; Pam Matherly, yes.

Motion passed.

10. New business which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to posting of meeting agenda, per 25 O.S. § 311(A)(10)

No new business was heard.

11. Board adjournment

Note: The Board may, at its discretion, discuss, vote to approve, vote to disapprove, vote to table, change the sequence of any agenda item, or vote to strike or not discuss any agenda item. Any conflicts of interest must be disclosed prior to discussion, and the conflicted Board member must recuse from all discussion and votes pertaining to that item.