

ADVISORY BOARD ON MASSAGE THERAPY

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

April, 15, 2021

10:07 a.m.

2401 N W 23<sup>rd</sup>, Suite 84

Testing Center and Video Conference:

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Meeting ID: 980 4050 8352

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Zoom: Kelli Lene, Marilyn Ihloff, Rob Rowe

In-Person: Pamela Matherly, Laura Grisso

Oklahoma City, Ok. 73107

Laura Grisso, Chair – Presiding

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1. Call to order

Chair Grisso called the meeting to order.

2. Roll call

A quorum was established with roll call. The following members were present.

Laura Grisso (in person)

Kelli Lene (via Zoom)

Marilyn Ihloff (via Zoom)

Pam Matherly (in person)

Rob Rowe (via Zoom)

**Board Legal Advisor**

Jenny Dickson (via Zoom)

**Board Staff**

Sherry Lewelling, Executive Director

John Funderburk, Principal Assistant

Janelle Hastings, Administrative Assistant

LauriAnn LA Gillette, Inspector Coordinator

Caroline Hagberg, Inspector/Examiner

**Visitors**

Rachel Adams

Laura Embleton (via Zoom)

3. Statement of Compliance with the Open Meeting Act

Chair Grisso verified the agenda had been properly posted and agenda-ized.

4. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve or Disapprove Board Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2021.

A motion was made by Ms. Matherly and seconded by Ms. Ihloff to approve Board Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2021

### **VOTING**

Lene', yes; Ihloff, yes; Matherly, yes; Rowe, ys.

Motion passed.

5. Public comment- Opportunity for the board to receive public comments. Each speaker is limited to three minutes. The Board cannot respond to or discuss public comments regarding matters not on today's agenda

No requests were heard, although Laura Embleton, via Zoom, introduced herself government relations directors with Associated Body Work and Massage professionals and offered her support with rules and legislative process.

7. Legislative update – Laura Grisso (Chair Grisso switched items #6 and #7)

Currently there is no active legislation for Massage Therapy, everything died in committee, there is always the possibility that something gets amended and added to another bill but to her knowledge, there was nothing at this time.

## 6. Director's Report – Sherry G. Lewelling

### Legislative Update

Ms. Lewelling provided an update on legislation for the Oklahoma State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering, the bill got a lot of traction and passed easily through the house and then went to the senate committee, where the Chair of the Business, Commerce and Tourism Committee, Sen. James Leewright (R) Bristow) refused to have the bill read, saying he had to prioritize all the bills he had and we were just not a priority to him, so that legislation is dead as well.

Ms. Lewelling went on to say she would like to begin now in preparation for next year, get the associations together, she believes it is time to decide what Massage Therapists want in Oklahoma, make that decision and make it happen. We've been on a roller coaster for the last 5-6 years, and it's time for that to come to an end. It's been made obvious that Massage Therapists are not happy being under Cosmetology and Barbering, if the associations are strong enough to get legislation killed then they have the capability of pushing legislation through. Board member Ms. Matherly asked if they (Massage Therapists) would be a stand-alone board? Ms. Lewelling responded saying they would likely be put under another board, because the state is not going to create another board especially if it a board that will require appropriations. She went on to say we generate about \$85,000 in revenue from massage therapy licensing, and when you factor in salary, time, supplies, materials etc. the agency barely breaks even and \$85,000 is not even enough to support even a single-person agency. We have until legislative session to decide what needs to be done and we all need to push together to make it happen. Ms. Grisso said we have until the November Cosmetology and Barber board meeting to submit legislation.

Comments and discussion continued from various members and guests until the Board's legal advisor, Ms. Dickson, interjected and cautioned members that they were straying from the agenda.

## 6. FAQ Website Committee update – Sherry G. Lewelling

Ms. Lewelling said LA had worked very hard putting a document together but she (Ms. Lewelling) had not had time to do a final review. But would like to get that out to the committee this week and possibly schedule another committee meeting and have a discussion and see if that is what we are all wanting with respect to the FAQ (frequently asked questions) then send to other board members and go from there. The FAQ committee consists of Kelly Lene', Marilyn Ihloff, Sherry Lewelling and LauriAnn LA Gillette.

8. Discussion and possible action on FAQ Website committee update.

No discussion or action was taken on this item.

10. New business which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to posting of meeting agenda 25 O.S. sec.311 (A)(9)

No new business was heard.

11. Board adjournment

Chair Grisso adjourned the meeting.

Laura Grisso, Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Kelli Lene, Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_

Marilyn Ihloff \_\_\_\_\_

Pam Matherly \_\_\_\_\_

Rob Rowe \_\_\_\_\_