ADVISORY BOARD ON MASSAGE THERAPY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 15, 2019

10:05 a.m.

2401 N W 23rd, Suite 84

Testing Center

Oklahoma City, Ok. 73107

Laura Grisso, Chair – Presiding

1. Call to order

Chair Grisso called the meeting to order. The agenda had been properly posted and agenda-ized.

1. Roll call Quorum was established with roll call.

The following persons were present.

Laura Grisso, Chair Pamela Matherly, Vice Chair Marilyn Ihloff Kelli Lene

Note: Robert Rowe was not present on this day.

**BOARD’S LEGAL ADVISOR**

Grant Moak

**Office staff**

Sherry Lewelling, Executive Director John Funderburk, Principal Assistant. Janelle Hastings, Administrative Assistant  LauriAnn “LA” Gillette, Inspector Coordinator AbbyKate Waugh, Massage Program Coordinator

**Visitors**

Mary Elizabeth LeBlanc, Rachel Adams, Paula Michelle Smock,

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1. Discussion and possible action to approve or disapprove board meeting minutes from June 20, 2019.

A motion was made by Ms. Lene and seconded by Ms. Ihloff to approve board meeting minutes from June 20, 2019.

VOTING:

Matherly, yes; Ihloff, yes; Lene, yes: Rowe, yes.

Motion Passed.

1. 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.

1. Legislative Update – Laura Grisso, ABMT Chair and Christy Mather, OSBCB Board Member

Ms. Grisso brought up HB 1373, the bill that passed which requires state agencies to determine what felonies or criminal background that would prohibit licensure and we will need to come up with a list. Mr. Moak said the direction we are heading is that we’ll need to identify specific crimes that would substantially related to the practice of Massage Therapy and must also pose reasonable threat. We must also have a process in place where a potential student could ask for an initial determination prior to enrolling in a school or registering for an exam. It will be up to the Rules Committee to create this list.

Ms. Christy Mathers, OSBCB member, has been working with Rep. Ross Ford-District 1 Broken Arrow who reached out to us and expressed a desire to carry the massage bill, it is a strategic move, because Rep Ford has a background in Law enforcement, he has a lot of networking in place with the Senate and anticipates the bill going through. His passion is the human trafficking part of it and his wife is a licensed cosmetologist so he has a lot of respect for the

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industry. We talked about establishment licensure which is the vehicle driving this effort because it is only with establishment inspections that we can clean up this industry. On the senate side we have Sen Darrell Weaver, former director of the OSBI, who would co-author this bill. Ms. Mather felt like the interest in human trafficking that occurs in massage and nail salons, will the fire that ignites something that will get this bill passed. Ms. Lewelling said her goals for the MT industry has not changed, it has always been about raising standards and changing the perspective of the public with respect to the massage industry.

Ms. Grisso mentioned at the next OSBCB meeting on Thursday September 12, 2019 at 9:00 am, the FSMTB (which is the body that creates the MBLEX exam) will be here giving a presentation and would like to request all MTAB board members to be here if possible. In the afternoon at 1:00 pm he will be giving a presentation at OBPVS and encouraged all to attend if possible.

1. Discussion and possible action to elect officers.

A motion was made by Ms. Ihloff and seconded by Ms. Matherly to nominate Laura Grisso for Chair.

VOTING:

Matherly, yes; Ihloff, yes; Lene, yes.

Motion Passed.

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

VOTING:

Matherly, yes; Ihloff, yes; Lene, yes.

Motion Passed.

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1. Chair appointment of committees.

Ms. Grisso provided a sign up sheet for board member and audience members to sign up for Rules Committee and Legislative Committee, cautioning that no more than two board members serve on each committee.

1. 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.

1. Board adjournment

Chair Grisso declared the meeting to be adjourned.

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

Pamela Matherly, Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Kelli Lene \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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