

ADVISORY BOARD ON MASSAGE THERAPY
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
June 18, 2020
10:05 a.m.
2401 N W 23rd, Suite 61
Suite 62 and/or Conference Line
Oklahoma City, Ok. 73107
Laura Grisso, Chair – Presiding

1. Call to order

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

2. Roll call

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

Laura Grisso
Pamela Matherly,
Marilyn Ihloff, via conference line
Kelli Lene arrived at 10:33 am
Bob Rowe

Board's Legal Advisor

Jenny Dickson

Board Staff

Sherry G Lewelling, Executive Director
John Funderburk, Principal Assistant
Janelle Hastings, Administrative Assistant
Abbykate Waugh, Massage Program Coordinator
LA Gillette Inspector Coordinator
Camisha Green

Guests

Erin L. Pierce, Rachel Adams, Mary Elizabeth LewBlanc.

3. 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.

4. Director's Report – Sherry G. Lewelling

Legislative Update

Ms. Lewelling said there was not a lot to report, the legislative session was brought to a halt by COVID-19 along with any legislation that would have affected us.

Ms. Matherly asked about board re-appointments (all 4 year terms for MTAB members are set to expire on 6.30.2020) Ms. Lewelling said she spoke with the Governor's Director of Appointment secretary, Chris Bruehl and he said with everything else going on that he did not plan to even approach the Governor with this. Ms. Lewelling told him that was fine as we are happy with the members we have.

Ms. Lewelling went on to say the Governor has until June 25, 2020 to approve rules, the only one that will affect Massage Therapy was a bill that was passed last year which required all state agencies to provide guidance to all prospective students who may have had prior convictions that would prevent them from getting a license. The Board submitted rules to comply with this new law, if it is not approved by the Governor we will simply re-submit next year.

5. Legislative Update – Laura Grisso

Ms. Grisso said she had nothing more to add to what Ms. Lewelling already reported.

6. Discussion and possible action on ABMT 2020 – 2021 goals for legislation regarding establishment licensing.

Ms. Grisso said we had tried for Establishment licensure for 3 or 4 years now, we faced opposition of our bill, one year there was a teacher's strike, last year our bill ended up not being sponsored at the last minute, this year there was COVID-19. She said she had heard on social media that there was a desire for safety and sanitation guidelines.

Ms. Lewelling said we posted Phase I, II and III guidelines for salons during COVID-19 and she got a lot of responses from Massage therapists questioning why she did not post any for Massage establishments, they were surprised and upset to learn there are no guidelines for massage therapists because we have no Massage establishment authority. She encouraged them to follow guidelines set for cosmetologists and apply universal standards.

Ms. Ihloff asked if the attempts to obtain establishment authority was perhaps getting in the way of other things we want to do and should we back off that for a while?

Mr. Rowe asked if there was a list of licensed Massage therapists he would like to contact the people in his area and get some feedback from them.

Ms. Lewelling suggested sending out a survey with questions about licensees questions and concerns regarding establishment licensure and forming a committee to create questions.

Ms. Grisso assigned Pamela Matherly, Rachel Adams, Mary Elizabeth Leblanc, LA Gillette and AbbyKate Waugh and herself to the committee.

A motion was made by Ms. Matherly and seconded by Mr. Rowe for the formation of a committee to create questions for a survey

Voting:

Pamela Matherly, yes; Marilyn Ihloff, yes; Kelli Lene, yes; Bob Rowe, yes.

Motion passed.

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

8. Board adjournment.

Laura Grisso, Chair _____

Pamela Matherly, Vice Chair _____

Marilyn Ihloff _____

Kelli Lene _____

Bob Rowe _____