ADVISORY BOARD ON MASSAGE THERAPY

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

August 20, 2020

10:09 a.m.

2401 N W 23rd, Suite 84

Suite 84 and/or Conference Line

**CONFERENCE LINE 1-866-494-2286**

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

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

Laura Grisso, Chair

Pam Matherly, Vice Chair

Marilyn Ihloff, via teleconference

Kelle Lene’

Bob Rowe

**Board’s Legal Advisor**

Jenny Dickson

**Board Staff**

Sherry G Lewelling, Executive Director

John Funderburk, Principal Assistant

Janelle Hastings, Administrative Assistant.

LaurieAnn “LA” Gillette, Inspector Program Coordinator Asrar Johnson, Inspector/Examiner

AbbyKate Waugh, Massage Program Coordinator

**Guests**  
all via conference line:

Rachel Adams, Mary Elizabeth LeBlanc, Christine Hoober, American Massage Therapy Association.

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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. Director's Report – Sherry G. Lewelling (read by Laura Grisso)

COVID-19 Update

There is not a lot to report right now with it being summertime and don’t have a lot of legislation going on. With COVID and the mandates in some cities we are getting a lot of phone calls from therapists asking about sanitation and safety and the advice we are giving them is to follow the standards set forth for cosmetology and barbering.

1. Discussion and possible action to elect officers

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

**Voting:**

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

**Motion passed.**

A motion was made by Ms. Matherly and seconded by Ms. Ihloff to nominate Ms. Lene’ for Vice Chair

**Voting**:

Matherly,yes; Ihloff, yes; Lene; yes; Rowe, yes

**Motion passed**.

1. Chair appointment of committees

Legislative Committee: Ms. Ihloff and Kelli Lene’

Rules Committee: Ms. Matherly and Mr. Rowe

Ms. Grisso stated there would be volunteers from the Massage community as well as office staff members.

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1. ABMT Survey Committee Report – Laura Grisso

In our last meeting we voted to create a survey for our licensees to gauge their level of support for establishment licensure and whether or not we should move forward with trying again to get legislation approved. We had a committee meeting last Friday and we worked together to create questions that are short and to the point. John reached out to OMES work force planning and they set up surveys for different agencies. What we need to do today, is decide are these the questions we want, what do we need to add or delete. With the idea being these will be mailed to all active licensees and also posted on the website. And then we’ll get feedback to determine what we want to do with respect to legislation and establishment authority or not.

Some caveats, survey is meant to be for information gathering and will not determine specifically what we will or will not do, additionally since the Oklahoma State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering oversees us they will be the deciding factor, but she believes they will be supportive with information from licensees as well.

1. Discussion and possible action to develop survey for establishment licensure support.

A motion was made by Ms. Matherly and seconded by Ms. Lene’ to develop survey for establishment licensure support.

The survey will require to add a name and their file number, we will have some frequently asked questions, (FAQ’s), we want to clarify what establishment authority is about, who will be required to obtain establishment license and who will not. It was agreed to add an e mail link where licensees can share their opinion.

Establishment license would allow the creation and enforcement of statewide safety and sanitation requirements for massage businesses.

**Voting**:

Matherly,yes; Ihloff, yes; Lene;, yes; Rowe, yes

**Motion passed**.

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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 adjourned the meeting.

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

Pam Matherly, Vice Chair \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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