

ADVISORY BOARD ON MASSAGE THERAPY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2017
11:00 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 meeting agenda had been properly posted and agenda-ized)

2. Roll Call

Quorum was established with roll call. The following persons answered roll call:

1. Laura Grisso, Chair
2. Pam Matherly, Vice Chair
3. Marilyn Ihloff
4. Robert Rowe
5. Theresa Schroeder

BOARD'S LEGAL ADVISOR

Grant Moak

BOARD STAFF

Sherry Lewelling, Executive Director

John Funderburk, Principal Assistant

Janelle Hastings, Administrative Assistant

VISITORS

Mary Elizabeth LeBlanc, Lainey Bowen, Chellie Abernathy, Laura Hickman, Darla DeRosa, Karen Harr, Shantelle Jennings, Jennifer Giehll, Alyssa Hale, Holli James, Sara McDermitt, Asrar Johnson, Cynthia Atchico, Sherry Green

3. Public Comment – Opportunity for the Board to Receive Public Comment – Each speaker is limited to three minutes. Comments must be related to items listed on the agenda

Susan Hawkins was not able to stay for the meeting but provided a written comment read by Chair Grisso regarding CEU credits and recommended 12 hours CEU be required and a reputable step to credibility in massage therapy and CPR and first aid should be required but separate from CEU's.

Jennifer Giehll-Massage Therapist, feels NO CEU's should be required and that basic education should be enough to practice the profession.

Lainey Bowen—Massage Therapist since 1997 is in favor of CEU's as it is required for any other profession.

Shantelle Jennings-practicing Massage Therapy for 20 years in 3 states and is in favor of CEU only because it is in the bill but feels it should be voluntary

Alyssa Hale-agreed with a minimum of 4 hours but felt CPR and first aid should not be included in CEU

4. Discussion and Possible Action To Approve or Disapprove Board Meeting Minutes from October 19, 2017 Board Meeting

A motion was made by Ms. Matherly and seconded by Marilyn Ihloff to approve the Board meeting Minutes from October 19, 2017

Voting: Matherly, yes; Ihloff, yes; Rowe, yes; Schroeder, yes. Motion passed.

5. Director's Report – Sherry G. Lewelling
Deregulation

Ms. Lewelling again provided information regarding the possibility to deregulate the Cosmetology profession in the state of Oklahoma, which would in turn affect the Massage Therapy profession. She encouraged all to contact their senators and representatives and educate them about who we are and what we do with regards to the health, safety and protection of the public as well as the human trafficking aspect.

6. Massage Therapy Continuing Education

a. Discussion and Possible Action to amend OAC 175:20-7-1 regarding continuing education for massage therapists.

b. Discussion and possible action to submit proposed amendment to the Oklahoma Board of Cosmetology and Barbering and request adoption of the amendment.

Chair Grisso explained amendments to current rules as they are now and the two specific areas to be discussed the number of CEU hours and who can offer those courses.

Last meeting on October 19, 2107 we approved the rules to be presented to the OSBCB meeting on November 13, 2017, the measure passed 7-2. However two board members had reservations regarding CEU's and wanted us to revisit that issue so an ad hoc meeting was held on Wednesday December 5, 2017 with members of the legislative and education committees in attendance. Some discussion was on deregulation and additional discussion on CEU's required from all other states and in the end 5 hours of CEU's was voted upon.

We also added a seminar license by board of private and vocational schools which would allow individuals or organization other than a school to offer CE in a seminar format, OSBCB was added as a possible entity to offer training. Also since CPR and first aid is an option for CE so we need to add someone who is approved to offer training in that. Rules currently state 'any entity approved to offer CPR and first aid' and Grant and I are researching and working on language on what is considered approved.

Chair Grisso opened the floor for discussion.

A motion was made by Mr. Rowe and seconded by Ms. Matherly to accept as outlined and discussed.

Voting: Voting: Matherly, yes; Ihloff, yes; Rowe, yes; Schroeder, yes. Motion passed.

7. Board Adjournment

Chair Grisso announced the meeting to be adjourned.

LAURA GRISSO, CHAIR

PAM MATHERLY, VICE CHAIR

MARILYN IHLOFF

ROBERT ROWE

THERESA SCHROEDER