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STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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## ***Special Board Meeting***

August 8, 2011  
9:00 a.m.

### **Board Members**

Naomi Hall, President  
Audra Findley, Secretary  
Gregg Benefiel, Member

Lisa Douglas, Vice President  
Faye Weeks, Member

#### **Board Staff**

Marilyn L. Graham, Executive Director  
Amy Wirges, Administrative Specialist III  
Russell Jackson, Massage Therapy Inspector

#### **Attorney General Representative**

Amanda Gibson

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Conference Call was called to order by Naomi Hall.

Hall, Douglas, Findley, Weeks, Benefiel answered roll call.

Board members discuss license reapplication for Kevin Wood with Kevin Wood and Wood's attorney Darren O'Quinn.

O'Quinn reads the timeline of events regarding Kevin Wood's previous suspension of license.

Benefiel enters meeting.

O'Quinn states that Wood was able to reapply for licensure in February 2009.

Hall suggests reapplication for Kevin Wood including all current requirements (MBLEx, current law exam, etc.)

Hall also discusses if the Board would like to add any other stipulations to Mr. Wood getting his license back.

Wood states that he will from now on audio record each massage session.

Williams suggests that Wood not do massages before or after normal working hours and to always have another staff member in the clinic while performing massages.

Discussion of Wood taking a continuing education course on Ethics also be a stipulation of gaining his license.

Gregg Benefiel makes motion for Wood to reapply as a new applicant and after receiving his license, Wood will have six (6) months to submit a six (6) hours continuing education course to the Board on either Ethics or Boundaries.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Faye Weeks None Opposed

Gregg Benefiel motions to waive \$25.00 law exam fee.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Susie Williams None Opposed

Hall suggests that everyone take a ten minute break.

Hall calls meeting back to order.

Board discussion on complaints received about American University of Healing Arts.

Graham gives a summary/breakdown of events.

Discussion of Royal Irving College's license revocation.

Hall suggests full investigation of American University of Healing Arts and to stop Royal Irving College transcripts since they are not an approved or certified school.

Faye Weeks makes the motion to have an investigation on American University of Healing Arts. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lisa Douglas None Opposed

Discussion of out-of-state transcripts.

Gregg Benefiel motions that all massage schools need an 'okay' from Board office to accept out-of-state transcripts temporarily pending just during this investigation. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Faye Weeks None Opposed

Office will issue letter to all school owners that out-of-state transcripts must be pre-approved temporarily (during this investigation period).

Board discusses that an official fines and penalties list needs to be created under the provisions of the law.

Audience: Donna McGriff asks questions about CEU's. Can classes be split day-by-day?  
Discussion Tabled.

Gregg Benefiel motions to put Donna's question on September Board Meeting.  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Faye Weeks    None Opposed.

Audience: Donna McGriff asks if the Board Office will send renewal notices out even earlier than a month prior.

Discussion that Rules and Regulation page 22 tells office staff when to send out renewal reminders and packets.

Hall makes a motion to adjourn. None oppose.