



Arkansas

STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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September 13, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes

101 East Capitol Ave.
Conference Room C
Little Rock, AR

Member of the Board Present

Naomi Hall, President
Lisa Douglas, Secretary
Gregg Benefiel

Faye Weeks, Vice President
Susie Williams
Audra Findley

Board Staff

Marilyn L. Graham, Executive Director
Amy Wirges, Administrative Specialist III

Attorney General Representative

Christopher Hart

Meeting is called to order by Naomi Hall.

Hearing

Idleman, Diane (not present at hearing and no representation)

Court Reporter: Cheryl Dees

Hearing Officer: Jake Jones, Office of the Attorney General

Witnesses: Marilyn Graham, ASBMT Executive Director
Detective James Johnson, Little Rock Police Department

ASBMT reviews hearing and listens to testimony.

Benefiel makes a motion to revoke Ms. Diane Idleman's license.

2nd - Findley. None Oppose. Motion Carries.

*Discussion reopened to clarify the labeling of evidence.

NCBTMB Presentation

Speaker: Paul Lindamood

After presentation, Weeks has several questions for CEO Paul Lindamood and requests that her questions be included in the written Board Meeting minutes.

QUESTIONS: Faye Weeks (ASBMT Vice-President) to Paul Lindamood (CEO of NCBTMB)

1. What is the cost of the exam? Reply: \$175 or \$225
2. If the State Board disagrees with the findings of NCBTMB in an investigation, who has the power? Reply: The State Board
3. CE approval process.... Reply: Provider fills out detailed application that is checked, very detailed process that also makes sure relevance in field.
4. How many states have sued NCBTMB? Reply: None to his knowledge. Mention of problems with Florida.

Syble Davis also requested her comment be placed on the written Board Meeting Minutes: "...therapist should have a choice." Discussion that therapists should have a choice of licensing exams: MBLEx or NCBTMB.

Other questions and topics include: group providers, discounts, and how many years are you approved with NCBTMB.

Gregg Benefiel asks Mr. Lindamood about fake massage schools, human trafficking, and wanted to know if these are common problems. Benefiel also asks how NCBTMB checks into complaints. Lindamood informs that NCBTMB has an investigator and discusses their processes and procedures.

Graham suggests that the Board review the NCBTMB's information and table the decision of accepting/denying the NCBTMB exam until the December 2010 Board meeting. This will give the Board time to review all the facts about the NCBTMB and it will allow Hall, Findley, and Graham time to get back from the FSMTB annual meeting/convention and report on this event as well.

Weeks motions that the Board table adding the NCBTMB exam as an approved exam for licensure in Arkansas until after the Federation Annual Meeting.

2nd -Benefiel. None Oppose.

Faye Weeks discussed that she wanted to go to the FSMTB convention and says that she previously sent an email to Ms. Graham. Marilyn Graham explains that she never received Ms. Weeks' email regarding this issue. Graham also adds that she does not make the decision of who attends the meetings – this is a Board decision.

Weeks questions how Hall, Findley, and Graham were chosen to attend. (Please see the August 30, 2010 Conference Call minutes).

Appeals

Orwosky, Deborah – Denied for licensure.
Motion made: Douglas. 2nd Findley.

New Applicant / Background Check

Cook, Robert – Approved pending passing of MBLEx and law exam.
Motion made: Findley. 2nd - Benefiel. None Oppose.

Giustino, Antonio – Approved for licensure pending all completed paperwork.
Motion made: Benefiel. 2nd Findley. None Oppose.

CEU Applications

Alisandre, Rose

Introduction to Cranio-Sacral Therapy Part 1 (16 hours) Approved
Wants to change already approved course from 12 hours to 16 hours.
Motion made: Findley. 2nd Weeks None Oppose.

Benefiel, Gregg

Massage for the fun of it! Many Modes Make It Happen (18 hours) Approved
Loving Hands Lomi Lomi #1 Prone (9 hours) Approved
Loving Hands Lomi Lomi #2 Supine (9 hours) Approved
Deep Tissue Slow & Easy (9 hours) Approved
Board decided to lump courses together for a group vote.
Motion made: Findley. 2nd Weeks. None Oppose.

Forbes, Ralph

Shoulder Release For Non Traumatized Shoulder (6 hours) Approved
Motion made: Findley 2nd Douglas. None Oppose.

Martin, Brenda

From Head to Toe: The Whole Body Experience (18 hours) Approved
Motion Made: Weeks 2nd Benefiel. None Oppose.
Mini Spa (6 hours) Approved
Motion made: Findley 2nd Weeks. None Oppose.

Messling, Brenda

Honoring the Belly (12 hours) Approved
Motion made: Findley 2nd Weeks. None Oppose.

Prust, Linda

First Degree Reiki Training (16 hours) TABLE
Second Degree Reiki Training (11 hours) TABLE
Reiki Master Practitioner Training (7.5 hours) TABLE

- (1) Douglas motions to lump courses for group vote. 2nd Findley. None Oppose.
- (2) Findley motions to deny courses since the current Rules&Regs do not regulate Energy work. 2nd Douglas. Hall Opposes.
- (3) Findley resends motion. 2nd Benefiel. None Oppose.
- (4) Findley tables courses until Proposed Rules&Regs take effect. 2nd Douglas. None Oppose.

Puszko, Sharon

DayBreak Geriatric Massage Course – Level 1 (17 hours) Approved
Motion made: Findley. 2nd Douglas. None Oppose.

Rice, Christopher

Ayurvedic Marma Massage (24 hours) Approved
Motion made: Benefiel. 2nd Weeks. None Oppose.

Smith, Darlene

Ortho-Bionomy Extremities Class (16 hours) Approved
Ortho-Bionomy Spine Class (16 hours) Approved
Ortho-Bionomy Posture & Post Techniques (16 hours) Approved
Ortho-Bionomy Phase Five (16 hours) Approved
Findley motions to lump courses for group vote. 2nd Douglas. None Oppose.
Motion made to approve: Findley. 2nd Douglas. None Oppose.

Treitler, Linda

The Lymphatic System Manual Lymphatic Drainage and Lymphedema: Essentials for
Massage Therapists (18 hours) Approved
Motion made: Douglas. 2nd Findley. None Oppose.

Weeks, Faye

Egyptian Method Encyclopedia of Reflexology: A Working Professional's Text
(12 hours) Approved
Motion Made: Benefiel. 2nd Douglas. None Oppose.

McGriff, Donna

Gx-99 Vibratory Cellulite Treatment (9 hours) Approved
Motion made: Benefiel. 2nd Weeks. None Opposed.

Hall motions to approve June 7-8, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes.

Weeks questions why all comments/discussions are not included in the Board Meeting Minutes. Douglas answers that when taking on the Secretary position, she consulted with Mr. Hart on what was to be included in the Board Minutes. If an item and/or discussion/comment is not an official Board vote, it does not have to be included in the minutes. Hart also replies to Weeks.

Weeks states that she wants her FOI discussion added to the June 8, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes.

Weeks makes a motion that after her FOI discussion is added to the June 8, 2010 Board Meeting Minutes, the minutes are okay for approval. 2nd – Douglas.
None Oppose.

Financial Report is given by Marilyn Graham.

Discussion of ADT security system.

Weeks makes motion that ASBMT pay the cancelation fee to end ADT contract.
2nd Benefiel. None Oppose.

Discussion of ASBMT office copier.

Benefiel makes motion that Chris Hart attempts to get the ASBMT out of the copier company contract. 2nd – Findley. None Oppose.

Discussion on web update.

Weeks makes motion to table this discussion on form updating until more information is given. 2nd - Douglas. None Oppose.

Discussion of adding CEU courses onto ASBMT website (will look further into cost).

Benefiel motions to accept Financial Year 2010 Annual Report. 2nd – Findley.
None Oppose.

Weeks discusses her concerns about secret Board Meetings and decisions being made without proper Board approval. Graham states that she is unaware of any secret meetings and has not scheduled or attended any secret meetings. Graham assures the Board and public that no decisions are being made without Board approval. Other Board Members had no questions regarding Weeks' concerns.