

**Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Division of Professional Regulation
Massage Licensing Board**

OPEN MINUTES

Meeting Date: September 14, 2009
Meeting Convened: 10:04 a.m.
Meeting Adjourned: 1:28 p.m.
Meeting Location: Springfield office, Room 376

Members Present: Rita A. Sax, Chairman
Cherie Monterastelli, Vice-Chairman
Patricia J. Benjamin, Ph.D., Member
Susan Munshaw, Member
Robert A. Wiggins, Member

Members Absent: Thomas Braglia, Public Member

The members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Staff Present: Mark Thompson, Legal Counsel
Denise Hamilton, Office of General Counsel
Alicia Purchase, Manager-PSS, Board Liaison
Todd Robertson, Professional Services Section

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Chairman Time: Ms. Sax informed everyone that Mike Hovi submitted a letter resigning from the Massage Licensing Board. Ms. Sax asked if the Department had someone in mind as a replacement for Private School Representative. Ms. Purchase responded that she had recently performed two (2) internal checks for the Massage Board.

Ms. Munshaw explained that NCBTMB is starting the process for the Advanced Test. (NOTE: On 9/8/09, The National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork (NCBTMB) announced a timeline for the Advanced Certification Exam for the massage and bodywork profession.)

Ms. Sax asked if the Department is a member of the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB). Ms. Monterastelli explained that the FSMTB offers some type of scholarship if a Board experiences major financial issues. Ms. Purchase responded that the Department is not a member of FSMTB. Ms. Sax responded that she will provide the letter from FSMTB regarding scholarship for the Division's consideration.

Ms. Monterastelli explained that there will no longer be a Council of Schools through the American Massage Therapy Association. It will simply be a membership category through AMTA. Also that a new national organization has been established, the Alliance for Massage Therapy Education (AFMTE).

Board Minutes: Motion was made, seconded (Munshaw/Monterastelli) to approve 5/5/08 open minutes as read.

Motion was made, seconded (Monterastelli/Benjamin) to approve 8/25/08 open minutes as read.

Motion was made, seconded (Munshaw/Monterastelli) to approve 12/1/08 open minutes as read.

Motion was made, seconded (Benjamin/Monterastelli) to approve 3/9/09 open minutes as amended.

Motion was made, seconded (Monterastelli/Munshaw) to approve 6/29/09 open minutes as amended.

Closed Session: Motion was made, seconded (Benjamin/Wiggins) to close the session pursuant to Section 2(c)(15) of the Open Meetings Act. Motion Carried. Session closed at 10:50 a.m.

Deliberation

Hee Gwang Pae Case No. 200800527

Michael James Tovrea Case No. 200810076

Closed Minutes

Motion was made, seconded (Benjamin/Wiggins) to approve 8/25/08 closed minutes as written. Motion carried.

Motion was made, seconded (Benjamin/Wiggins) to approve 3/9/09 closed minutes as written. Motion carried.

Open Session: The session opened by voice vote at 10:59 a.m.

Recommendation: Board made recommendations for the following cases:

Hee Gwang Pae Case No. 200800527

Motion was made, seconded (Munshaw/Benjamin) to recommend to the Director that massage therapist license 227-006353 be Revoked. Motion carried.

Michael James Tovrea. Case No. 200810076

Motion was made, seconded (Munshaw/Benjamin) to recommend to the Director to Adopt the ALJ Report and Recommendation that massage therapist license 227-009510 be Revoked. Motion carried.

Mr. Thompson explained that there was a recent statute change affecting all professions. An individual whose license has been revoked the Department must wait a minimum of 3 years before they may petition to restore license.

Asian Bodywork: The Board received a letter from Steve Rogne, the Director of Zen Shiatsu Chicago. In his letter Mr. Rogne asked the Board to clarify Section 25 paragraph (g) of the Illinois Massage Licensing Act, which pertains to the practice of Asian Bodywork.

A brief discussion ensued relative to this matter. Mr. Thompson explained that the Office of General Counsel will contact Mr. Rogne to provide the Department's response.

Rules Discussion: Mr. Thompson explained that certain professions have been identified, including Massage Therapy, where the Rules need some changes.

Ms. Hamilton explained the rule-making process.

Mr. Thompson explained that the Board may consider and recommend Rules language for areas that need added or revised in the current Rules. Mr. Thompson noted that this profession has the basic rules to handle the testing, licensing and renewal process. For example, there is no language for minimum practice standards or sanitary standards. A brief discussion ensued relative to potential Rules changes.

(NOTE: The Board will continue to discuss Rules changes at the next business meeting. Members may continue to work on this individually until that time.)

Board Review: *Massage Therapist - Section 1284.30*

Board recommended that (4) applications be approved for licensure as a massage therapist (Action Sheets 092942-092945).

Board recommended that (1) application be deferred (Action Sheet 092946).

Massage Therapist – Section 1284.40

Board recommended that (1) application be denied (Action Sheet 092947).

Massage Therapist Continuing Education Sponsor – Section 1284.90

Board recommended that (1) application be approved for continuing education sponsor (Action Sheet 092948).

Signatures: Board affixed their signatures to the Action Sheets.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:28 p.m.