

**MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY
MINUTES
REGULAR OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 1, 2006**

A meeting of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapists was held on February 1, 2006 in the Sussex Conference Room on the 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Alan Vonderahe, Committee Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Deborah Overholt
Alan Vonderahe

ALSO PRESENT

George J. Hebert, Executive Director, New Jersey Board of Nursing
Ginger Provost, Deputy Attorney General
Diane Scott, Support Staff
Theresa McFadden, Support Staff

COMMITTEE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Donda Kraus-Sternberg

QUORUM WAS DECLARED PRESENT

In accordance with Chapter 231 of P.L. 1975, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mailing on November 24, 2005. A schedule of all 2006 Regular Open Committee Meetings of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee to be held during 2006 was provided to the Office of the Secretary of State, Star Ledger, Trenton-Times, The New York Times, Camden Courier Post, The Press of Atlantic City and The Philadelphia Inquirer. The schedule has also been posted on the bulletin board at the New Jersey State Board of Nursing Office.

A reading and approval of the Agenda for the February 1, 2006 Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY ALAN VONDERAHE, VOTED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE FEBRUARY 1, 2006 MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY EXAMINING COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

A reading and approval of the Open Committee Meeting Minutes of January 4, 2006.

This item was tabled until the March 1, 2006 Committee Meeting, since the Committee Member who was present at the January meeting was not in attendance to vote on this item.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- January 30, 2006 - Letter from Vincenzo Falone, Massage Therapist inquired about the word "treatment" in the massage regulations. Mr. Falone requested clarification on CPT 97124, massage therapy code. Mr. Falone questioned whether putting down the code would imply treating his clients.

APPEARANCE:

- Diane Espinosa met with the committee to discuss the contents of her transcript that relates to massage therapy. Ms. Espinosa received her education in Vienna, Austria for Physical Therapy.

The committee determined that Ms. Espinosa needs to complete 6 hours of ethics and 6 hours of law in order to meet the requirements for certification.

OPEN FORUM:

Alan Vonderahe asked the public to share with the committee any concerns, issues or questions:

- Cynthia Siniarpi-Balena, NJ, MTA - asked if the committee could influence the language in the proposed legislation for mandatory certification for all massage, bodywork and somatic therapists. She is asking that the language be removed which infers that uncertified massage, bodywork and somatic therapists engaged in prostitution. The Bill has been resubmitted as A1670. Ms. Balena also asked if the Committee has been in contact with the League of Municipalities regarding the State certification.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY ALAN VONDERAHE, VOTED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO REVIEW THE APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED:

The following applicants were approved for certification:

1. Aurelia Edwards
6. Peter Tulley
2. Margaret Goodher
7. Stephanie Vnuk
3. Giovanna Farhi
8. Norma Cole
4. Laura Richardson
5. Michelle Rivera

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY ALAN VONDERAHE, VOTED TO APPROVE THE ABOVE APPLICANTS FOR CERTIFICATION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

The following applicants are approved pending receipt of additional information.

1. Tae Bok Kim
2. Shara Kovitz
3. Chin P. Liu

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY ALAN VONDERAHE, VOTED TO APPROVE FOR CERTIFICATION THE ABOVE APPLICANTS PENDING RECEIPT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Alan Vonderahe to adjourn the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting. Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. The next Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting will be held on March 1, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Vonderahe
Committee Chairman



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