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NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES February 24, 2016

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A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy was held at 124 Halsey Street Newark, New Jersey, in the Somerset Conference Room, 6th Floor, on Wednesday February 24, 2016. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian, Chairperson of the Board called the meeting to order at 9:26 A.M. and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

CYNTHIA SINICROPI-PHILIBOSIAN	Present
LORI KEITH	Present
DAVID BANK	Present
BRUCE A. SPICER	Present

Also present were: Susan Carboni, Deputy Attorney General; Swang Oo, Deputy Attorney General; Laura L. Anderson, Executive Director; Gerard Tobia, Administrative Staff; Michela Ross, Government Rep.

OPENING STATEMENT “Reading of the Sunshine Law” A 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 December 30, 2015. A schedule of all 2016 Regular Open Meetings of the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy to be held during 2016 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 website.

Public Comments: None

I. APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

A. January 27, 2016

**Upon a motion made by Lori Keith and seconded by David Bank, the Board voted to approve the January 27, 2016 Public Session Minutes with amendments.
A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2016

Laura Anderson, Executive Director, took the chair to conduct the election of Board Officers for 2016.

Ms. Anderson called for nominations for Chairperson.

Lori Keith nominated Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian.

A motion was made by Lori Keith and seconded by Bruce Spicer to nominate Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian for Chairperson of the Board for 2016.

Ms. Anderson called for further nominations and there were none.

Lori Keith then made a motion, seconded by Bruce Spicer to close the nominations.

The Board proceeded to vote and elect **Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian Chairperson of the Board** by acclamation.

The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Ms. Anderson called for nominations for Vice Chairperson and a motion was made by David Bank and seconded by Bruce Spicer to nominate Lori Keith for Vice Chairperson of the Board for 2016.

Ms. Anderson called for further nominations and there were none.

David Bank then made a motion, seconded by Bruce Spicer to close the nominations.

The Board proceeded to vote and elect **Lori Keith Vice Chairperson of the Board** by acclamation.

The vote of the Board was unanimous.

2. Letter from Dr. Tim Huang, D.C. (Quality Chiropractic and Physical Therapy) RE: Reiki and Vibratory Therapy Devices

Dr. Tim Huang, D.C., wrote the Board to ask permission if two massage therapists (who have received letters stating that their application is approved) can use a hand-held instrument as vibratory therapy and utilize reiki on his patients under his supervision.

The Board determined that a letter be sent by Deputy Attorney General Susan Carboni to Dr. Huang, D.C., to advise that there is no specific statutory or regulatory provision on point. The Board cannot pronounce on whether these activities are being used appropriately consistent with the definition of the practice of massage and bodywork therapy. The Board also advises to use your best judgment as to whether these activities, which are not specifically part of the scope of practice of massage and bodywork therapy, are being applied in a safe manner.

III. BOARD DISCUSSION / INFORMATION

1. Licensure Requirements

The Board discussed requirements for licensure by education, specifically transcripts, to insure that applicants for initial licensure are in compliance with the Boards current regulations.

2. Dermaplaning and Dry Needling

The Board determined that dermaplaning and dry needling are not within the scope of practice of massage and bodywork therapy.

IV. PROVISIONAL ORDER OF DENIAL OF LICENSURE (With Response)

1. Meihong Piao; Applicant ID# 1920166
Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure filed December 30, 2015

Deputy Attorney General Barbara Lopez counseled the Board on this matter. Upon a motion made by David Bank and seconded by Lori Keith, the Board voted to finalize the Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure by default with no modifications. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. Fuzi Hong; Applicant ID# 1799191
Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure filed December 30, 2015

Deputy Attorney General Barbara Lopez counseled the Board on this matter. Upon a motion made by Lori Keith and seconded by David Bank, the Board voted to finalize the Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure by default with no modifications. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL

1. Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Report (Half-Year)
2. January 2016 In Touch with Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards
3. Dongsuk David; Applicant ID# 1841252
Consent Order Granting Licensure with Probation filed January 19, 2016
4. Alexandra Evans; License No. 18KT00636500
Final Order of Discipline filed January 19, 2016
5. Ye Hong; Applicant ID# 1868199
Consent Order Granting Licensure with Probation filed January 28, 2016
6. Zhijie Zhang; Applicant ID# 1808819
Consent Order Granting Licensure filed January 19, 2016
7. Lirong Pei; License No. 18KT00860000
Provisional Order of Discipline filed January 28, 2016
8. Young O. Park; License No. 18KT00278000
Final Order of Discipline filed January 28, 2016

The Board considered the above as informational material.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

At 10:50 AM. Upon a motion made by Lori Keith and seconded by David Bank, the Board voted to move into Executive Session to consider and review consumer complaints, investigative reports and other information received pursuant to the Boards' regulations. The result of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement action. If the Board determines to issue any sanction, action will be taken in public session immediately after the Executive Session. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

**The Board returned to Public Session and a motion was made by David Bank and seconded by Lori Keith, to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 P.M.
A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson,
Executive Director