

**MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY
MINUTES
REGULAR OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 2008**

A meeting of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee was held on February 27, 2008 in the Sussex Conference Room on the 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Alan G. Vonderahe, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBER(S) PRESENT

Alan G. Vonderahe
Deborah Overholt

COMMITTEE MEMBER(S) ABSENT

Donda Kraus-Sternberg

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Megan Cordoma

ALSO PRESENT

George J. Hebert, MA, RN, Executive Director
Margaret Howard, MSN, RN, Field Representative
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst (present for a portion of the meeting to discuss A4455
) Alba R. Jaramillo, Support Staff

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 30, 2007. A schedule of all 2008 Regular Open Committee Meetings of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee to be held during 2008 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 Open Session Agenda of February 27, 2008, Committee Meeting.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY ALAN G. VONDERAHE, VOTED TO APPROVE THE OPEN AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 27, 2008 COMMITTEE MEETING AS IS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

A reading and approval of the Open Session Minutes of January 23, 2008.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY ALAN G. VONDERAHE, VOTED TO TABLE THE OPEN MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2008 COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

February 7, 2008, response letter from Frank Pileggi, PhD, Director at Lourdes Wellness Center to Margaret C. Howard, RN, Field Representative seeking verification of eligibility for the New Jersey State certification for all graduates of Our Lady of Lourdes Institute of Wholistic Studies.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY ALAN G. VONDERAHE, VOTED TO SEND A RESPONSE LETTER TO FRANK PILEGGI WITH THE AMENDMENTS DISCUSSED AND INVITE DR. PILEGGI TO APPEAR FOR THE MAY 28, 2008, COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Review of Legislative Bill 4455 signed into law.

Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst, appeared for discussion and questions from the Committee concerning the Legislative Bill 4455 recently signed into law by the Governor on January 13, 2008.

OPEN FORUM

Ms. Cynthia Sinicropi-Balena thanked the Committee for its hard work on the process for the Massage Bodywork and Somatic Therapy certification.

New Wave Myotherapy Academy - Hearing for March 26, 2008 Committee Meeting.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY ALAN G. VONDERAHE, VOTED TO SCHEDULE NEW WAVE MYOTHERAPY ACADEMY TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS ITS PROGRAM AND PROVIDE SPECIFIC RECORDS OF FOUR APPLICANTS FOR MARCH 26, 2008 COMMITTEE MEETING WITH A COURT REPORTER. THE MOTION CARRIED.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY ALAN G. VONDERAHE, VOTED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR DISCUSSION AND ADVICE FROM COUNSEL ON MATTERS UNDER INVESTIGATION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED FOR APPROVAL OF APPLICANTS FOR CERTIFICATION

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review of applications for certification.

The following applicants were approved for certification:

Stanley Milkonski
Martha Kousis
Tara Malouf
Fred Dones
Ross Sharyn
Ilya Vinokur

Wayne Martin is approved for certification pending review by Ginger Provost, DAG.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Alan G. Vonderahe to adjourn the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting. Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m. The next Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting will be held on March

26, 2008, 9:00 a.m., in the Sussex Conference Room, 6th Floor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan G. Vonderahe
Committee Chair