

**MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY
MINUTES
REGULAR OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 2, 2005**

A meeting of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapists was held on March 2, 2005 in the Essex Conference Room on the 7th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Alan Vonderahe, Committee Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Carol Alexander
Deborah Overholt
Donda Kraus-Sternberg
Alan Vonderahe

ALSO PRESENT

George J. Hebert, Executive Director, New Jersey Board of Nursing
Ginger Provost, Deputy Attorney General

Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs attended a portion of the meeting to participate in the discussion of Regulations concerning the Education Requirements for certification.

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 January 3, 2005. A schedule of all 2005 Regular Open Committee Meetings of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee to be held during 2005 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 March 2, 2005 Massage Committee Meeting with the following amendments:

To be placed under new business:

- To discuss the Grandfathering provision, and counting instructor courses as part of continuing education.
- To discuss requiring individuals to have experience in massage before teaching massage.

To be placed under correspondence:

- Article from the Star Ledger "Caldwell considers permitted massages"

To be placed under old business:

- To review draft applications.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY CAROL ALEXANDER AND DULY SECONDED BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT VOTED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE MARCH 2, 2005 MASSAGE COMMITTEE MEETING AS AMENDED. THE MOTION CARRIED.

A reading and approval of the Open Committee Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2005.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY CAROL ALEXANDER AND DULY SECONDED BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT, VOTED TO APPROVE THE REGULAR OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2005. THE MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The committee discussed revising the regulations to permit teaching hours to count towards hours required under the "Grandfathering Provision". No action was taken.
2. The committee discussed whether experience should be required prior to teaching massage and whether the completion of education should be within a specific time frame to be eligible for certification. No action was taken.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG VOTED TO REVISE THE REGULATIONS TO ELIMINATE "TO CLIENT" IN THE GRANDFATHERING SECTION REGARDING FULL TIME AND PART TIME HOURS AND THE CONTINUING EDUCATION SECTION. THE MOTION CARRIED. 3. Charles Manning discussed the revisions that were made to the regulations at the February 2, 2005 Committee Meeting:

- 6 hours of Law has been eliminated.
- Ethics and Law has been increased to 8 hours.

Mr. Manning discussed with the committee the Endorsement Rule, which require an applicant for certification to send a copy of the current statutes and regulations from the state in which the applicant is currently licensed or certified in.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The committee received 17 applications and they will be reviewed during closed session.
2. The committee discussed the revisions to the application for certification:
 - The information sheet includes instructions regarding the Criminal History Background Fee.
 - The check list has added a #7 regarding the 2x2 photo requirement which is to be submitted along with the application.
 - More information will be added to the top of each page of the application instructing which applicant it is to be filled out by.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letter dated February 1, 2005 from the Delaware Department of Education regarding transcripts for students seeking certification from the Owens Institute of Massage Therapy which has closed down. Students that attended the school are having trouble getting their school transcripts.

The committee directed that a letter be sent to the Delaware Department of Education acknowledging their letter.

2. Opening of Massage Spas in the Newark, NJ area (flyers)
3. An article from the American Massage Therapy Association regarding the State Certification.
4. An article written in the Star Ledger "Caldwell considers permitting massages."

The committee discussed having a press release go out to the Massage Therapy Community notifying them that the state certification process has begun. The Executive Director advised that a release is being prepared by the

Division of Consumer Affairs.

OPEN FORUM:

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

Individuals who spoke were:

Kenny Shinn, Owner of Heart and Soul Holistic Center:

- Wanted to know how many applications the committee has received.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG AND DULY SECONDED BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT, VOTED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED:

The following applications were reviewed:

No: 1. Deborah Overholt, Examination.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY CAROL ALEXANDER AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG VOTED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION SUBJECT TO RECEIPT OF OBJECTIVE EVIDENCE OF VERIFICATION OF EXAM RESULTS. THE MOTION CARRIED. Deborah Overholt was not present for the decision and did not participate in the vote.

2. Alan Vonderahe, Examination AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG VOTED TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATION. THE MOTION CARRIED. Alan Vonderahe was not present for the decision and did not participate in the vote.

3. Donda Kraus-Sternberg, Grandfather AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY CAROL ALEXANDER VOTED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION PENDING RECEIPT OF AN OFFICIAL SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT WITH COMPLETED COURSE OF STUDY, INCLUDING THE BREAKDOWN OF THE ETHIC HOURS. THE MOTION CARRIED. Donda Kraus-Sternberg was not present for the decision and did not participate in the vote.

4. Carol Alexander, Grandfather

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS STERNBERG VOTED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF CERTIFICATION PENDING RECEIPT OF AN OFFICIAL SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT AND DOCUMENTATION OF 5 HOURS OF ETHICS COURSE WORK. THE MOTION CARRIED. Carol Alexander was not present for the decision and did not participate in the vote.

15. Louis Sanchez, Examination

Applicant must sign Social Security portion of the application.

5. Leonardo Ranieri, Education

Applicant needs to identify what percentage of his classes was hands on and whether the required ethic and law hours were met.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG VOTED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE ABOVE APPLICANTS PENDING VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE COMMITTEE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

14. Amy Depa, Examination

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG VOTED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION. THE MOTION CARRIED. Carol Alexander left the meeting and did not participate in this motion.

13. George Tegha, Education

The application does not meet the educational requirements for certification.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG VOTED TO REJECT THE APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION, BECAUSE THE APPLICANT DID NOT MEET THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS. THE MOTION CARRIED. Carol Alexander left the meeting and did not participate in this motion.

The committee wants to amend the regulations regarding the "Grandfathering and Education Sections: 16.3d changing the word "shall" to "may" and 16.4d(2) adding the word "may".

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG VOTED TO AMEND THE GRANDFATHER AND EDUCATION SECTIONS OF THE REGULATIONS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Donda Kraus-Sternberg to adjourn the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting. Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m. The next Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting will be held on April 6, 2005.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Vonderahe
Committee Chairman

