

**MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY
MINUTES
REGULAR OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING
MAY 3, 2006**

A meeting of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapists was held on May 3, 2006 in the Somerset 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

Donda Kraus-Sternberg
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

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 May 3, 2006 Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting:

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG , VOTED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE MAY 3, 2006 MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY EXAMINING COMMITTEE MEETING. THE MOTION CARRIED.

A reading and approval of the Open Committee Meeting Minutes of April 5, 2006.

- Typographical errors.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG, VOTED TO APPROVE THE OPEN MINUTES OF THE MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY EXAMINING COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2006 WITH AMENDMENTS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

APPEARANCE:

- Edward Farrell is a pending applicant and he discussed his educational background with the Committee to be considered for certification.

The Committee reviewed Mr. Farrell's application along with additional information and determined that he is

eligible for certification.

AFTER DISCUSSION THE BOARD, UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG, VOTED TO APPROVE FOR CERTIFICATION THE APPLICATION OF EDWARD FARRELL. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Board/Committee Member Survey - must be filled out and sent to the Director's office. The Board/Committee Members are required to fill out an Ethic Survey once a year.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A discussion ensued regarding the issue of Reflexology and whether it is exempt from the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Regulations.

Reflexology involves touching of the hands and feet, which falls within the regulations. An individual must have completed additional education to perform this modality.

- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey is seeking approval to be a continue education provider. The Committee review the program outline and the cvs of the instructors of the program.

The Committee determined that the program falls with the regulations according to N.J.A.C. 13:37-16.11, Continuing Education Programs.

OPEN FORUM:

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

- Cynthia Sinicrpi-Balena, NJ, MTA - commented on the minutes that were placed on the website. Ms. Belena thanked the Committee for all of their hard work and she also feels that the language of the pending legislature should be revised and the Committee should be meet more often. Notices should be mailed out to all applicants to keep them updated on the application process. Ms. Balena asked that the Committee provide update information regarding the certification process and the meeting materials so that the community is well informed.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG , 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. Lashell Carter
3. Shannon Hanley
2. In Jae Rhee
4. Jung Geun Na

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG, VOTED TO APPROVE THE APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE APPLICANTS LISTED ABOVE. THE MOTION CARRIED.

The following applicants are approved pending receipt of additional information.

1. Mary Mickinak
7. Azize Ruttler
2. Maxim Perly
8. Depatrick Lavache
3. Earline Fair
9. Kirstin O'Connor
4. Steven Musgrove
10. Margaret Chilton

5. Brenda Pedone 11. Eva Mendez
6. William Conteras

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG, 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 Donda Kraus-Sternberg to adjourn the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting. Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. The next Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting will be held on July 5, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Vonderahe
Committee Chairman