

**MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY MINUTES  
REGULAR OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING  
MAY 28, 2008**

A meeting of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee was held on May 28, 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  
Donda Kraus-Sternberg

**ALSO PRESENT:**

George J. Hebert, MA, RN, Executive Director  
Margaret Howard, MSN, RN, Field Representative  
Ginger Provost, Deputy Attorney General  
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 May 28, 2008 Committee Meeting with the following addition:

To add an agenda item under Old Business:

Changes in the Committee's regulations approved by the Committee, but have not yet been written.

After discussion, the Committee upon a motion made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Donda Kraus-Sternberg, voted to approve the Open Agenda of May 28, 2008 Committee Meeting as amended. The motion carried.

Open Session Minutes of April 30, 2008, Committee Meeting

After discussion, the Committee upon a motion made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Donda Kraus-Sternberg, voted to approve the April 30, 2008 Open Minutes Committee Meeting. The motion carried.

After discussion, the Committee upon a motion made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Donda Kraus-Sternberg, voted to go into Executive Session to obtain advice of counsel concerning Lourdes Wellness Center. The motion carried.

**APPEARANCE AND INVESTIGATIVE INQUIRY:**

Frank Pileggi, PhD, Director at Lourdes Wellness Center, and Dr. Nick DiCicco, Director from Camden County College, shared with the Committee their concerns regarding Lourdes Institute of Wholistic Studies not being an approved program by the New Jersey Department of Education. The Committee along with Dr. Frank Pileggi, and Dr. Nick DiCicco reviewed the Lourdes Institute of Wholistic Studies' curriculum including course outlines with hours and syllabi, previously submitted to the Committee, and the statutory requirements for certification of the Massage Bodywork and Somatic Therapy. The Committee thanked Dr. Pileggi and Dr. DiCicco for appearing and will take the information provided by them into consideration when applications from Lourdes are considered by the Committee.

Ming Yi Sun – investigative inquiry re municipal Summons' and violations regarding her application.

James Hsu, Executive Director, Board of Architect, translated in Chinese for Ming Yi Sun at the investigative inquiry since an official translator was unavailable. Based upon Ms. Sun's application, the Committee proceeded to question Ms. Sun concerning the education she received at Healing Hands Institute and her work experience and the circumstances of her arrest.

After discussion, the Committee upon a motion made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Donda Kraus-Sternberg, voted to go into Executive Session to deliberate on Ming Yi Sun municipal Summons' and violations regarding her application. The motion carried.

After discussion, the Committee upon a motion made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Donda Kraus-Sternberg, voted to approve Ming Yi Sun for the Massage Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Certification. The motion carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Committee discussed revision of its proposed regulations in order to reflect that the Department of Labor and Workforce has been designated as the approving agency for vocational schools but the Committee also wants county college programs approved by the Commission on Higher Education to remain in the regulations. This matter will be carried as the regulatory analyst, Charles Manning, was unavailable to review this modification with the Committee.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Review of applications.

After discussion, the Committee upon a motion made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Donda Kraus-Sternberg, voted to go into Executive Session to review the applications for certification and disciplinary matters. The motion carried.

Open Session resumed and the following applications were reviewed:

Bridget Turnbach  
Patricia Sharpe  
Ming Yi Sun

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 as listed above. 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 3:00 p.m. The next Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting will be held on June 18, 2008, 9:00 a.m., in the Division of Law Conference Room, 2nd Floor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Alan G. Vonderahe  
Committee Chair