

**MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY MINUTES
REGULAR OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 24, 2009**

A meeting of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee was held on June 24, 2009 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 1:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBER(S) PRESENT:

Deborah Overholt
Alan G. Vonderahe

ALSO PRESENT:

George J. Hebert, Executive Director
Ginger Provost, Deputy Attorney General
Theresa McFadden, Support Staff
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst, (for the discussion regarding the regulations)

COMMITTEE MEMBER(S) NOT PRESENT:

Donda Kraus-Sternberg

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 26, 2008. A schedule of all 2009 Regular Open Committee Meetings of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee to be held during 2009 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 June 24, 2009 Committee Meeting:

After discussion, the Committee upon a motion made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Alan Vonderahe, voted to approve the Open Agenda of June 24, 2009 Committee Meeting. The motion carried.

Open Session Minutes of May 27, 2009 Committee Meeting with amendments:

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1st paragraph should state - 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 obtain advice of counsel regarding the matter of Li Li Wang and to proceed with other closed session agenda items. The motion carried.

After discussion, the Committee upon a motion made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Alan Vonderahe, voted to approve the May 27, 2009 Open Committee Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Charles Manning discussed the following issue:

The Committee reviewed the proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:37-16.4, 16.7 and 16.11 that were proposed on March 16, 2009 at 41 N.J.R. 1160(a). The amendments recognize that the New Jersey Department of Education, the New Jersey Department Labor and Workforce Development and the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education approve massage, bodywork and somatic therapy education programs. There were no comments received during the comment period, which ended May 16, 2009.

After discussion, the Committee upon a motion made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Alan Vonderahe, voted to approve the adoption of the proposed amendments to N.J.A.C. 13:37-6.4, 16.7 and 16.11 without change. The motion carried.

2. Meeting Dates - 2009

Due to the appointment of the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy, the Committee discussed a change in dates to conduct meetings for the rest of the year 2009. The dates for the Board and Committee meetings are as follows:

Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting

Date	Time
July 29, 2009	9:00 am
September 23, 2009 (if appearance/hearings are scheduled)	9:00 am
September 30, 2009	1:00 pm
October 21, 2009 (if appearance/hearings are scheduled)	9:00 am
November 18, 2009	9:00 am

Massage, Bodywork Therapy Board Meeting

Date	Time
September 30, 2009	9:00 am to 1:00 pm
October 28, 2009	9:00 pm to 1:00 pm

After discussion, the Committee upon a motion made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Alan Vonderahe, voted to approve the revised meeting calendar for the year 2009. The motion carried.

3. Correspondence:

June 12, 2009 letter of complaint from an applicant regarding the unethical business practice of an Atlantic City massage/spa owner. Since the Committee does not have jurisdiction over business owners, no action to be taken.

4. Review Applications for Certification:

Francis Quigley

After discussion, the Committee upon a motion made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Alan Vonderahe, voted to approve the application of Francis Quigley for certification. The motion carried.

After discussion, the Committee upon a motion made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Alan Vonderahe, voted to go into closed session to discuss criminal history matters. The motion carried.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED:

Appearance:

a. Leroy Bethea – will be scheduled for July 29, 2009

After discussion, the Committee upon a motion made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Alan Vonderahe, voted to schedule Leroy Bethea for an appearance at the July 29, 2009 Committee Meeting to answer questions regarding his criminal history and educational back ground. The motion carried.

After discussion, the Committee upon a motion made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Alan Vonderahe, voted to adjourn the June 24, 2009 Massage Committee Meeting. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Alan Vonderahe to adjourn the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting. Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting will be held on July 29, 2009 9:00 a.m., in the Essex Conference Room, 7th Floor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Vonderahe
Committee Chairman