

**MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY MINUTES
REGULAR OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING
JULY 29, 2009**

A meeting of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee was held on July 29, 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 9:35 A.m.

ROLL CALL

COMMITTEE MEMBER(S) PRESENT:

Deborah Overholt
Alan G. Vonderahe

ALSO PRESENT:

Mary Peterson, Supervisor, Disciplinary Section
Ginger Provost, Deputy Attorney General
Diane Scott, Administrative Staff
Theresa McFadden, Support Staff
Ailen Dumlaw, Intern - DOL
David Braun - DOL
David Miller, Court Reporter (For the Investigative Inquiries)

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.

OPEN MINUTES -2- JULY 29, 2009 A reading and approval of the Open Session Agenda of July 29, 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 July 29, 2009 Committee Meeting. The motion carried.

Open Session Minutes of June 24, 2009 Committee Meeting with amendments:

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Correspondence - June 12, 2009 anonymous letter of complaint 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.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Complaints filed:

Li Li Wang - A pre-hearing conference was scheduled to discuss a settlement offer.

2. Applications previously reviewed:

Jing Zhou – reviewed on March 25, 2009. The Committee requested that the applicant submit a letter of rehabilitation and a letter of reference from his employer. This matter will be discussed during closed session.

3. Applicant inquiries from non-approved schools:

a. Lynn Colleran – application reviewed on May 27, 2009. The applicant requested to appear before the Committee to answer questions regarding her transcript and educational background.

The Committee determined that Ms. Colleran is required to show proof that she has five years work experience prior to November 15, 2005 to include 300 hours per year.

b. Jennifer Kim - application reviewed on May 27, 2009. The applicant requested to appear before the Committee to answer questions regarding her transcript and educational background. The applicant did not appear.

After discussion, the Committee upon a motion made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Alan Vonderahe, voted to schedule Jennifer Kim to appear before the Committee on September 30, 2009. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Massage Certification in California – a discussion ensued regarding whether or not individuals educated in California are eligible for certification by education in New Jersey. There is no agency that approves or licenses private postsecondary schools. A discussion ensued regarding how to handle applicants that are seeking endorsement from California and if they are eligible for certification.

2. Letter to Municipal and County Prosecutors – A discussion ensued to have DAG Provost prepare a letter to all municipal and county prosecutors advising that the Committee would like to be notified when a certified massage therapist is arrested and/or convicted of prostitution and, if possible, and type of plea agreement to include the forfeiture of the certification.

After discussion, the Committee upon a motion made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Alan Vonderahe, voted to send a letter to all municipal and county prosecutors to notify the Committee when a certified massage therapist is arrested and/or convicted of prostitution. 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 seek advice of counsel in the matter of Li Li Wang settlement offer and to conduct Investigative Inquiries. The motion carried.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED:

Investigative Inquiry:

1. Kil Soon Lee – appeared before the Committee to answer questions regarding her criminal history and educational background. Ms. Lee was accompanied by Shin Kim, Interpreter.

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

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2. Leroy Bethea

After discussion, the Committee upon a motion made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Alan Vonderahe, voted to send a letter to Leroy Bethea requiring him to submit two letters of recommendation. The motion carried.

After discussion, the Committee upon a motion made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Alan Vonderahe, voted to adjourn the July 29, 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 3:10 p.m. The next Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting will be held on September 30, 2009 9:00 a.m., in the Sussex Conference Room, 6th Floor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan Vonderahe
Committee Chairman