

**MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY
MINUTES
REGULAR OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2007**

A meeting of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee was held on September 26, 2007 in the Hudson 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
Field Representative
Ginger Provost
Deputy Attorney General
Diane Scott
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 27, 2006. A schedule of all 2007 Regular Open Committee Meetings of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee to be held during 2007 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 September 26, 2007 Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting as amended:

To add under New Business:

Renewal applications to certified non-qualified Aliens with the purpose of revocation of their certification.

To set up meeting dates for the 2008 calendar year.

Reorganization of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examination Committee.

Discussion of Board Member's resignation.

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 SEPTEMBER 26, 2007 MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY EXAMINING COMMITTEE MEETING AS AMENDED. THE MOTION CARRIED.

A reading and approval of the Open Committee Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2007 with amendments:

Page #2 - For future reference, when there are no public members present at the meeting to share information with, that statement should not be reflected on the minutes. Page #3 – Carmela Sadary – The committee reviewed additional work history that was submitted by the applicant.

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 AUGUST 15, 2007 AS AMENDED, AND PENDING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM CARMELA SADARY TO BE ADDED ON THE MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Fax dated September 9, 2007, from Theresa Meade inquiring about mobile day spas advertising facials.

The Committee directed that a letter be sent to Theresa Meade advising her that mobile day spas are not permitted in the State of New Jersey. Additionally, when referring to massage therapist, certain titles cannot be used by individuals unless they are certified by the Committee in New Jersey. Ask Ms. Theresa Meade if she is certified by the New Jersey Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Committee or whether she is licensed as a massage therapist in any other State. For any massage therapy issues or concerns, she should check the New Jersey Board of Nursing's website under rule proposals and adoption for information on massage therapy.

Her letter will be referred to the Cosmetology Board.

OPEN FORUM:

Alan G. Vonderahe asked the public to share with the committee any concerns, issues or questions: Cynthia Sinicropi-Belana, LMT, CMT, commented on the continuing education requirements. She also commented on the Board of Nursing's website being a useful tool for massage therapists to obtain valuable information about the rules and regulations governing Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy. Ms. Sinicropi-Belana thanked the Committee for its hard work and dedication that went into preparing the regulations for the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Committee.

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 AND DISCIPLINARY MATTERS. THE MOTION CARRIED.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED:

The following applicants were approved for certification:

Joseph Nicaastro
Brenda Williams

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG, VOTED TO APPROVE APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE APPLICANTS 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 1:40 p.m. The next Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting will be held on October

31, 2007.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alan G. Vonderahe
Committee Chair