

**MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY  
MINUTES  
REGULAR OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING  
OCTOBER 25, 2006**

A meeting of the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapists was held on October 25, 2006 in the Sussex Conference Room on the 6th Floor, 124 Halsey Street, Newark, New Jersey. Alan Vonderahe, Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 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  
Margaret Howard, Field Representative  
Ginger Provost, Deputy Attorney General  
Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst (during the discussion of regulations only)  
Diane Scott, 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 16, 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 change in meeting notice was posted to the Board of Nursing website.

A reading and approval of the Agenda for the October 25, 2006 Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting with amendments:

- To add under correspondence- 1) November 27, 2006, letter from Kathleen Hauge, Educational Resources Coordinator, Associated Bodywork and Massage Professional addressed to Robert Barberio recognizing the apprenticeship program at the school. This correspondence will added to the September 19, 2006 letter from Robert Barberio. 2) May 17, 2004 letter from Keith E. Warren, Executive Director, Alabama Board of Massage Therapy regarding the scope of practice for massage therapy.
- To add under new business - 1) to discuss the Cosmetology Regulations to include massage therapy. 2) Change the meeting dates fo the meeting for rest of the year 2006.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG AND DULY SECONDED BY ALAN VONDERAHE, VOTED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE OCTOBER 25, 2006 MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY EXAMINING COMMITTEE MEETING AS AMENDED. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: DEBORAH OVERHOLT WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.

A reading and approval of the Open Committee Meeting Minutes of September 27, 2006 with amendments:

- page 3 - #4 remove the wording "to replace John Page.
- page 5 - change the adjournment time of the September 27, 2006 meeting.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG AND DULY SECONDED BY ALAN G. VONDERAHE, VOTED TO APPROVE THE OPEN MINUTES OF THE MASSAGE, BODYWORK AND SOMATIC THERAPY EXAMINING COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2006 AS AMENDED. THE MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: DEBORAH OVERHOLT WAS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. September 19, 2006, letter from Robert J. Barberio, Barberio School of Massage Therapy, regarding continuing education courses that will be offered at the school.

The Committee discussed this issue and since the school has met N.J.A.C. 13:37-16.11, Continuing Education Programs, Standards; it does not have to seek approval from the Committee.

2. October 4, 2006, letter from Dr. Gregory T. Lawton, American Medical Massage Association (AMMA) regarding the American Medical Massage Association National Board Certification Exam.

The AMMA wants to be recognized as an examination for massage therapists and is seeking seeking clarification from the Committee.

The Committee has directed a letter be sent to the AMMA requesting that they send a representative to meet with the Committee to provide details of its examination.

AFTER DISCUSSION THE COMMITTEE, UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG AND DULY SECONDED BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT, VOTED TO INVITE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE AMMA TO MAKE A FULL PRESENTATION ON ITS EXAMINATION. THE MOTION CARRIED.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. The Cosmetology Board is working on regulations to include, that any Cosmetologist to perform massage therapy in their place of business, is requiring them to be State Certified.. 2. May 17, 2004, letter from Keith E. Warren, Executive Director, Alabama Board of Massage Therapy regarding requesting the opinion of Attorney General King on the practice of massage therapy. Mr. Warren wanted to know if Cosmetologist are allowed to practice massage therapy. 3. Due to the December Committee meeting falling in between the holidays, the Committee decided to cancel the meeting for December 27, 2006 and the next Committee meeting will be held on January 10, 2007.

AFTER DISCUSSION THE COMMITTEE, UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG AND DULY SECONDED BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT, VOTED TO CANCEL THE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR DECEMBER 29, 2006. THE MOTION CARRIED.

### **OPEN FORUM:**

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

- Cynthia Sinicropi-Belena, CMT - commented on the Committee getting involved in the organizations from the massage industry. Ms. Belena commented that it would be in the best interest of the Committee if they were present at one of the meetings that is held at the League of Municipalities. Ms. Belena stated the Committee should respond to the AMMA letter and asking for more information.

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DONDA KRAUS-STERNBERG AND DULY SECONDED BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT , 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. Liang Hsu
2. Minghui Dabney
3. Hamid Hidarjan
4. Christina Mathers
5. Teem Ah Ng

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

The following applicants will be approved pending receipt of additional information:

1. Dhalia Valle
2. Mikhail Rempel
3. Zhi Chen
4. Dora Flores-Ayala,
5. Cecelia Vazquesz
6. Ilia Khaduri

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

AFTER DISCUSSION, THE COMMITTEE UPON A MOTION MADE BY DEBORAH OVERHOLT AND DULY SECONDED BY ALAN G. VONDERAHE, VOTED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS A RESPONSE OF A COMPLAINT. THE MOTION CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Deborah Overholt and duly seconded by Alan G. Vonderahe to adjourn the Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting. Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. The next Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Therapy Examining Committee Meeting will be held on November 29, 2006.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Alan G. Vonderahe  
Committee Chair