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A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy was held at 124 Halsey Street Newark, New Jersey, in the Monmouth Conference Room, 7th Floor, on Wednesday July 24, 2013. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. **Deborah Overholt, Chairperson of the Board** called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

MARK J. CARANGELO	Excused
DEBORAH OVERHOLT	Present
CYNTHIA SINICROPI-PHILIBOSIAN	Present
DEBORAH ZASTOCKI	Present
CHRISTINE GILL ROSE	Excused

Also present were: **Susan Carboni, Deputy Attorney General; Laura L. Anderson, Executive Director; Lisa Tadeo, Executive Director; Terri Goldberg, Assistant Deputy Director; Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst; Gerard Tobia, Administrative Staff.**

Director Kanefsky welcomed the public and expressed his concerns with regards to the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy Licensing Act and how these regulations may have an impact on other modality practices.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The public commented regarding their situations and personal views with regard to modalities such as: IGM Therapeutic Acupressure; Acutouch; Energy Therapy; Healing Touch; Jin Shin Jyutsu; Reiki; Holistic Therapy; Yoga; Healing Technique Therapeutic Touch; Reflexology; Energy and Light; Etc.

Sharon Kurtz; Isabell Gatto; Betty Dziamba; James Gatto; Matt Nutale; Lynn Raines; Cindy Yavorski; Margaret Hutchinson; Susan Lieberman; Andrea Grace Dehoyos; Lori Keith; Catherine Ponterio; Lorraine Ernst; Gordon Millspaugh; Catherine Erica; Pamela Ann Lange; Diane Harraka; Terri Gordon; Susan Andrews; Michele Daniels; Jacqueline Savonarloa.

OPENING STATEMENT “Reading of the Sunshine Law”
A 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 28, 2012. A schedule of all 2013 Regular Open Meetings of the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy to be held during 2013 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 at the New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy Office.

I. APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

A. June 26, 2013

A motion was made by Deborah Zastocki and seconded by Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian, the Board voted to accept the minutes of the June 26, 2013 Board Meeting as amended. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

II. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Fortis Institute; Andrea Hayslip, DC
RE: 100 Hours of Clinical Practice
2. Inquiries RE: Healing Touch Energy, Healing Technique Touch, Light Touch & Energy, Jin Shin Jyutsu, Reiki and Reflexology; Licensing Requirements.
3. AMTA New Jersey Chapter
4. Maggi Hutchinson
The New Jersey Massage and Bodywork Law as it relates to Energy Modalities
5. Energy and Light - Touch Petition
Susan Lieberman

Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst, Division of Consumer Affairs, addressed the public and the Board to read the following provision:

The Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy (Board) understands that there is confusion regarding the forms of touch energy that are subject to the requirement to obtain a license, specifically with regards to forms of therapy that focus on the energetic system of the body. The Board wishes to clarify that any therapy that involves touching a client and which affects the soft tissues of the body (defined as “muscle, fat, fibrous tissue, blood vessels, or other supporting tissue of the body” by the National Institutes of Health) is considered “massage and bodywork therapies.” A person who provides an “energy therapy” that involves touching a client in any way is engaged in massage and bodywork therapy and **must** obtain a license from the Board.

There are four ways in which an individual may obtain a license:

1. For individuals who have been practicing full-time as a massage therapist for at least two years, or who have been practicing part-time for five years: Completion of 200 hours of education

and training in massage and bodywork therapy from a school accredited or approved by the New Jersey Department of Education, the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development, or the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education. If the school attended is not located in New Jersey, the school must be accredited or approved by an agency in the other state which substantially meets the requirements of the New Jersey agencies. The deadline for applications for those who wish to obtain a license based on this is August 30, 2013.

2. Passing a licensing examination offered by one of the following entities: (1) the Federation of State Boards of Massage Therapy (FSMTB); (2) the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB); or (3) the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM).

3. Completion of a 500 hour course of study in massage and bodywork therapy from a school accredited or approved by the State. The Schools must be approved or accredited by one of the following entities: the New Jersey Department of Education; the New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development; or the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education. If the school attended is not located in New Jersey, the school must be accredited or approved by an agency in the other state which substantially meets the requirements of the New Jersey agencies.

4. Holding a license as a massage and bodywork therapist in another state.

If you are not clear as to whether you should obtain a license, or whether you qualify for a license based on the requirements above, the Board encourages you to nevertheless apply as soon as possible. The Board will be able to answer questions regarding your qualifications and need for a license only after it received your application.

III. APPLICATIONS REVIEW (Initial)

A. FINALIZATION OF PROVISIONAL ORDERS OF DENIAL OF LICENSE ("POD") (Responses)

Michelle A. Freda	Applicant ID# 1720333	POD Filed on May 16, 2013
Carla S. Funke	Applicant ID# 1720728	POD Filed on May 16, 2013

A motion was made by Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian and seconded by Deborah Zastocki to finalize the P.O.D. with no modifications. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE (Responses)

He, Yinglan License # 18KT00157100 Final Order filed on January 13, 2013

This matter was tabled. Susan Carboni, DAG will write Ms. He and ask for additional information.

At 12:10 P.M. the Board, upon a motion made by Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian and seconded by Deborah Zastocki, voted to move into Executive Session to consider and review consumer complaints, investigative reports and other information received pursuant to the Board's regulations. The result of these deliberations will be made known when and

if the Board determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement action. If the Board determines to issue any sanction, action will be taken in public session immediately after the executive session. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The Board returned to Public Session and a motion was made by Deborah Zastocki and seconded by Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 P.M.
A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson,
Executive Director