NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 14, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER
The Open Session of the New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy was called to order by Board Chair Bruce Spicer at 124 Halsey Street, Sussex Conference Room, 6th floor, on November 14, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. All members were duly notified of the time, place and all pertinent materials were provided to the members.

II. SUNSHINE LAW ANNOUNCEMENT
Board member Frank Luis completed the Reading of "The Sunshine Law" in accordance with Chapter 231, P.L. 1975/C10:4-8, more commonly referred to as the Sunshine Law, that adequate notice of this meeting was provided by mail to the Office of the Secretary of the State of New Jersey, and to the newspapers including The Newark Star Ledger, The Trenton Times, The Record and The Courier Post and also posted on the Board’s web page.

III. ROLL CALL
Present:
Bruce Spicer, LMBT        Board Chair
David Bank, LMBT          Board Vice-Chair
Maria Friedman, LMBT      Board Secretary
Frank Luis, LMBT          Board Member

QUORUM WAS PRESENT

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE
Roman Guzik                Deputy Attorney General
ToniAnn Petrella-Diaz     Executive Director

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
The Board reviewed the Public Session Minutes for October 24, 2018. Frank Luis moved, seconded by David Bank, to accept the October 24, 2018, public session minutes as presented. Motion passed. 4-0.
V. PUBLIC COMMENT
Beth Bentley – AMTA– present and commented.

**The Board cannot comment on direct questions presented at a board meeting. If any member of the public wishes to submit a question for review, they need to do so ahead of time, submitting a letter by mail or email, so that it can be placed on the next possible agenda. If any pending applicant has a question regarding their application they may call or come to the office Monday – Friday 9:30 – 4PM to ask for help regarding their application.

VI. NEW BUSINESS
1. The Board reviewed the letter from Lisa Leote and the National Certification Medical Association and its industry credentials.

The Board voted to ask Ms. Leote for additional information regarding the National Certification Medical Association organization, including if they are approved as a provider by any other licensing Boards in New Jersey, or by licensing boards in other states. The National Certification Medical Association will also be asked to provide a sample course work outlines, and sample curriculum vitae for the instructors.

2. The Board reviewed the letter from Doreen Ellinwood regarding licensure. Board member is Frank Luis recused.

The Board voted to inform Ms. Ellinwood that the New Jersey Massage and Bodywork Therapist Licensing Act requires that an applicant require the prerequisite education and passage of an exam prior to licensure, and that it does not allow for temporary licensure. Any statutory changes would need to be made through the legislature.

With regard to Ms. Ellinwood’s second question for a student taking the MBLEx prior to graduation, the Board does not regulate or make any determinations regarding a candidates qualifications for the NCBTMB or the MBLEx examinations. For a response to that question, the Board defers to the NCBTMB or the FSMTB regarding applicants and their qualifications for meeting the requirements of for the examination.

Further, the Board voted to inform Ms. Ellinwood that if she or any licensed massage and bodywork therapist is aware of unlicensed practice or the aiding and abetting of unlicensed practice, they should file a complaint with the Board office. The form for a complaint can be located at https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/ComplaintsForms/New-Jersey-Board-of-Massage-and-Bodywork-Therapy-Complaint-Form.pdf.

Upon motion made by Maria Friedman, and seconded by David Bank, the Board voted to approve all motions regarding new business as listed above. Motion passed 3-0.

VII. OLD BUSINESS
No items to review.

VIII. LEGISLATIVE/REGULATORY
No items to review.
IX. DISCUSSION REGARDING FINALIZATION OF PROVISIONAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE
No items to review.

X. DISCUSSION REGARDING FINALIZATION OF PROVISIONAL ORDER OF DENIAL OF LICENSURE
No items to review.

XI. PUBLIC DISCIPLINARY ACTION
No items to review.

XII. TRANSCRIPT REVIEW

XIII. MEETING DATES 2018
December 5, 2018 – Somerset Conference Room

MEETING DATE 2019
January 22, 2019
February 26, 2019
March 26, 2019
April 23, 2019
May 28, 2019
June 25, 2019
July 23, 2019
August 27, 2019 - TBD
September 24, 2019
October 29, 2019
November 26, 2019
December – TBD

Upon motion made by Frank Luis, seconded by David Bank, the Board voted to approve the 2019 meeting dates as listed above. Motion passed 4-0.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT
Frank Luis moved, seconded by Maria Friedman, to close the public session and moved into executive session at 9:20 AM. Motion passed 4-0.

David Bank moved, seconded by Maria Friedman, to adjourn the November 14, 2018 Massage and Bodywork Therapy meeting at 2:25 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.