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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 Sussex Conference Room, 6th Floor, on Wednesday February 25, 2015. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian, Chairperson of the Board called the meeting to order at 9:45 A.M. and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

CYNTHIA SINICROPI-PHILIBOSIAN	Present
CHRISTINE GILL ROSE	Excused
LORI KEITH	Present
DAVID BANK	Present
BRUCE A. SPICER	Excused

Also present were: Susan Carboni, Deputy Attorney General; Laura L. Anderson, Executive Director; Gerard Tobia, Administrative Staff.

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 September 24, 2014. A schedule of all 2015 Regular Open Meetings of the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy to be held during 2015 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.

Public Attendance: Carl Hunting; Gretchen Vilorio; Frank Luis; Denny Luciano.

Public Comments: Denny Luciano addressed the Board regarding the C.P.R. requirement for renewal period 2014-2016. Mr. Luciano is a 70 year old licensee who cannot fulfill the CPR requirement he will put his request in writing.

Frank Luis(Owner) of Massage Envy addressed the Board regarding "pending" applicants some of his students have applied for licensure over a year ago.

Gretchen Vilo, an applicant, addressed the Board requesting information regarding the status of her application. She was advised that although she can address the Board with her request, there will be no information provided to her at the meeting. Applications are to be handled via USPS (mail).

I. APPROVAL OF THE PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

A. December 3, 2014

Upon a motion made by David Bank and seconded by Lori Keith, the Board voted to approve the December 3, 2014 Public Session Minutes with amendments. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRPERSON FOR 2015

Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian, Chairperson, took the chair to conduct the election of Vice Chairperson for 2015.

Ms. Sinicropi-Philibosian called for nominations for Vice Chairperson.

Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian nominated Lori Keith.

A motion was made by Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian and seconded by David Bank to nominate Lori Keith for Vice Chairperson of the Board for 2015.

Ms. Sinicropi-Philibosian called for further nominations and there were none.

Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian then made a motion, seconded by David Bank to close the nominations.

The Board proceeded to vote and elect **Lori Keith, Vice Chairperson of the Board** by acclamation.

The vote of the Board was unanimous.

2. Board Discussion: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37-16.7(b)(8)
RE: Ultrasound/The use of Ultrasound by massage therapists
Inquiry from Heather Lawrence; License No. 18KT00204800

Ms. Lawrence wrote the Board to ask if massage therapists can use an infrared sauna as part of a treatment and also if massage therapists can use infrared LED light therapy.

A motion was made by Lori Keith and seconded by David Bank, the Board voted to advise Ms. Lawrence in writing that ultrasound is not prohibited under current regulations however, the licensee must be trained and certified in such modalities. The letter to Ms. Lawrence should cite appropriate regulations. N.J.A.C. 13:37-3.1(a)(2).

3. Board Discussion: Continuing Education for Renewal/Auditing
RE: Accepting attestation of CE's of modalities that are not included in the regulations such as Reiki and Reflexology.

The Board had a discussion regarding accepting attestation of CE's of modalities that are not included in the regulations such as Reiki and Reflexology.

Pursuant to N.J.A.C 13:37A-4.2(a)(1) A licensee may obtain continuing education credit hours from courses or programs related to the practice of massage and bodywork therapy, one credit for each hour of instruction. Courses and programs shall be approved by or offered by providers approved by the organizations contemplated within the regulations.

4. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37A-4.1 Continuing Education Board to review continuing education courses regarding a licensee's personal care such as yoga or tai chi should count towards continuing education requirement.

The Board had a discussion regarding the review of continuing education courses regarding a licensee's personal care such as yoga or tai chi should count towards continuing education requirement.

A motion was made by David Bank and seconded by Lori Keith, to propose that four hours (4) of self-care training may be appropriate topics for continuing education courses and should count towards the continuing education requirements. Regulatory Analyst Manning will present the Board with revised rules at the next available meeting. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

5. Letter from Michael Rizk (Applicant ID# 1721663)
RE: Application for Licensure (Current Practitioner)

Mr. Rizk wrote the Board to inquire about the status of his application for licensure. He has been trying to obtain licensure as a current practitioner since January 2013. He indicates that he has been a soft tissue practitioner since 2005 and has been performing 20-35 sessions per week since that time.

A motion was made by Lori Keith and seconded by David Bank, the Board determined that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37A-2.1, he does not meet the requirements for licensure under current practitioner, however, the Board may reconsider his application as soon as he submits evidence of taken and passing the MBLEx licensing examination. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. Letter from Deborah Garcia (Applicant ID#1785290)
RE: Application for Licensure (Education)

Ms. Garcia wrote the Board for an opportunity to have her case reviewed by the Board. She received a notice from the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy stating that she failed to provide evidence of the required 500 hours of education and training pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37A-2.1 and as an alternative, she may apply for licensure by examination. She attended Helma Institute which is no longer in business.

A motion was made by David Bank and seconded by Lori Keith, the Board determined to have Ms. Garcia provide proof in writing of completion of a 2 hour ethics and law class online. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

7. Xiao Mei Ma (Applicant ID# 1803712)
RE: South Baylo University
Application for Licensure (Education)

Ms. Ma submitted an application for licensure by education. She attended South Baylo University located in California. Transcripts must be attached to a letter from the accreditation agency of California. Ms. Ma submitted copies of letters of Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education of the State of California.

A motion was made by David Bank and seconded by Lori Keith, the Board determined to grant licensure to Ms. Ma provided all licensure requirements have been met.

8. Letter from James W. Cahill, M.D., F.A.A.O.S.
RE: Ariela Yasuda (Applicant ID# 1791981)
Application for Licensure (Education)

Dr. Cahill wrote the Board on behalf of Ariela Yasuda, indicating that she was under his care as a result of a motor vehicle accident. The patient attended physical therapy sessions. As per Dr. Cahill's letter, this patient is cleared to be a massage therapist from an orthopedic standpoint.

A motion was made by David Bank and seconded by Lori Keith, the Board determined to grant licensure to Ms. Yasuda provided all licensure requirements have been met.

9. Letter from ACCSC (Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges)
RE: Pacific College of Oriental Medicine

This matter was tabled.

10. Letter from Dr. Jane Garofano, Owner (JSG School of Massage Therapy)
RE: "Touch" Requirement

Dr. Garofano wrote the Board to ask for a very clear outline of the course hours for the "200" hour category for the energy or bodyworkers. She would like to know how a 200 hour transcript addresses the correct subjects, and claims that it is very unclear in code.

Before considering this case, the Board determined that a letter be sent by Deputy Attorney General Susan Carboni to Dr. Garofano in writing to advise that pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37A-2.5; the acceptance of current practitioners applications expired August 30, 2013.

11. Letter from Rebecca Pollock, LMT, NCBTMB
RE: Lilia Rose Sciscio-Friel; Applicant ID# 1702670
Licensure by Current Practitioner

Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian recused herself from this matter.

Ms. Pollock wrote the Board regarding applicant Lilia Rose Sciscio-Friel, who is applying for licensure by current practitioner. Ms. Pollock states that the school Ms. Friel attended, Healing Arts Institute in Citrus Heights, California. Healing Arts Institute is approved by the California Department of Education.

Before considering this case, the Board determined that a letter be sent to Ms. Pollock to provide in writing a detailed outline specifying the 150 hours of Theory and Practice and 100 hours of Anatomy and Physiology.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. Karen DiDomenico (Applicant ID# 1784485)
RE: Licensure by Education

This matter was tabled.

Ms. DiDomenico applied for licensure by education. She attended Cumberland County College in October 2013. At the August 27, 2014 Board Meeting, it was determined that Ms. DiDomenico is to clarify if, the 45 hours completed at Inspira Medical Center within the physical therapy department, were part of the curriculum of her basic massage therapy training. If so, Ms. DiDomenico must submit evidence in the form of a letter on having completed 5.5 hours of voluntary work. The Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy, the ("Board") has reviewed her transcript and the additional information provided by Ms. DiDomenico.

A motion was made by David Bank and seconded by Lori Keith, the Board determined that Ms. DiDomenico must complete 5.5 hours of volunteer massage therapy services. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. School Review
RE: Transcripts

Baltimore School of Massage - York Campus, Pennsylvania is accredited by ACCSC (Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges) and COMTA (The Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation)

Mercer County Technical Schools is approved.

IV. FINALIZATION OF ORDERS

1. Zhenai Kang; Applicant ID# 1786017
Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure filed November 5, 2014

Deputy Attorney General Susan Carboni informed the Board that service was made on the above Provisional Order of Denial, however, the certified mailing was unclaimed. The regular mail was not returned by the United States Postal Service.

Upon a motion made by David Bank and seconded by Lori Keith, the Board voted to affirm and finalize the Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure by default with no modifications. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. Yinglan Sun; License No. 18KT00339700
Provisional Order of Discipline filed November 12, 2014

Deputy Attorney General Susan Carboni informed the Board that service was made on the above Provisional Order of Discipline, however, the certified mailing was unclaimed. The regular mail was not returned by the United States Postal Service.

Upon a motion made by David Bank and seconded by Lori Keith, the Board voted to affirm and finalize the Provisional Order of Discipline by default with no modifications. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL

1. Al-Shakise Anderson; Applicant ID# 1855216
Consent Order Granting Licensure filed December 4, 2014
2. Ryan M. Bond; Applicant ID# 1704764
Consent Order Granting Licensure filed December 4, 2014
3. Elyse Breit; Applicant ID# 1783762
Consent Order Granting Licensure filed December 4, 2014
4. Valerie Millet; Applicant ID# 1701676
Consent Order Granting Licensure filed December 4, 2014
5. Irina Reznik; Applicant ID# 1749887
Final Order of Denial of Licensure filed December 23, 2014
6. Wen Zhang; Applicant ID# 1821150
Final Order of Denial of Licensure filed December 23, 2014
7. Jinyu Kang; Applicant ID# 1767249
Final Order of Denial of Licensure filed December 30, 2014
8. Shanji Bai; Applicant ID# 1750172
Final Order of Denial of Licensure filed January 12, 2015
9. Maurice Stockley; License No. 18KT00570400
Final Order of Discipline filed January 12, 2015
10. Tricia Dondero; Applicant ID# 1730124
Consent Order Granting Licensure filed January 12, 2015
11. Simone N. Francois; Applicant ID# 1783488
Consent Order Granting Licensure filed January 12, 2015
12. Karalyn A. Schuck; Applicant ID# 1732282
Consent Order Granting Licensure filed January 12, 2015

The Board considered the above 12 Orders as informational material.

At 1:20 P.M., the Board , upon a motion made by Lori Keith and seconded by David Bank, the Board voted to move into Executive Session to consider and review consumer complaints, investigative reports and other information received pursuant to the Boards' 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.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board returned to Public Session and a motion was made by David Bank and seconded by Lori Keith, to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 P.M. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Anderson,
Executive Director