

Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

General Session

May 23, 2018

Members Present

David A. Cox, LMT, Chair
Gwenda Harrison, LMT, Vice-Chair
Gloria Boddie-Epps, Secretary/Treasurer
Paula K. Jilanis, LMT
J. Paige Szymanski, LMT
Caitlin M. Thompson, LMT
Margaret Hayes, Consumer Member

Non-Members Present

Grant Gerber, AAG
Laurie Sheffield-James, Executive Director
Adrienne Congo, Deputy Director
Serita Anderson, Administrative Specialist
Janine Fleming, Holistic
Tara McManay CSM

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- I. **Call to Order – at 10:14 AM - David Cox, LMT, Chair**
 - II. **Roll Call – All present**
 - III. **Review/Approval of General Session Agenda – (motion Margaret Hayes/2nd Paula Jilanis) was approved with corrections and additions.-Passed**
 - IV. **Review/Approval of Minutes – April 25, 2018 – (motion Caitlin Thompson/2nd Margaret Hayes) – Minutes was approved.-Passed**

V. **Reports:**

A. Chair- Reminded the Board to look at conflict of interest if there is a question or any problems contact Grant Gerber, Board Counsel. This weekend I attended the Federation of State Massage Conference in Cincinnati Ohio. We are owners of the Federation and they will be looking at writing language for the Establishment Act. They will be gathering information from states that already have the Establishment Law. There are 10 states that have Establishment Licensing hoping Maryland will be one of the states that gets it. The Federation will also be making a Continued Education (CE) Registry of CE providers and courses. The standards have already been written for the registry just the procedures have to be finalized. Lastly, the Federation is trying to find ways to support accrediting agencies that supports Massage Therapy Programs.

B. Committee(s) Report(s) – Licensing Committee-Paula Jilanis –The committee has Visit 7of the 10 schools we have 3 remaining school to visit before the next Board Meeting. An email went out to all the Massage School Directors asking for their feed back for the definition of Advanced Massage Therapy Continued Education.

The committee would like the feedback from the directors before they start to work on the definitions for next year statues. *Tara McManay*- I was wondering what is the push to visit schools because there is nothing in the regulations that mandate the Board to have over sight over the schools. *Chair*-the mandate for the Board is that we have programmatic approval of new schools coming in; we work with *Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC)* and through our regulations if any school has any major changes to their program they have to send it to MHEC and MHEC will send the changes to the Board. We would like to get to know the schools and build a rapport so we can have contacts, unfortunately all the schools don't get to come to our Board Meetings so we don't get to see all the schools that are out there. *Paula Jilanis*-because we are a new Board it's about building relationships and we could get a understanding of all the schools that are out there and the schools can know that they have some where to go to if they have any questions or concerns. *Grant Gerber, Board Counsel* It is in the statues. *Tara McManaway*, can you provide that to me. *J. Paige Szymanski*, it's just a survey it's not a requirement.

- *Advisory Committee- Gwenda Harrison*- The committee continues to work on 2 possible pre proposal concept papers for the next legislative session. The Massage Establishment and the second concept paper will incorporate the Scope of Practice that was in the bill this passed legislative session both are still in review. The concept papers are due to Department of Mental Health (DMH) on June 1, 2018.

C. Executive Director/Deputy Director: *Laurie Sheffield-James* – Chris Bieling has retired as of June 1, 2018. A request for new hire has been submitted. David Ford and I have been reviewing massage cases. I am also lobbying for a new Administrative Specialist. David Cox and Dr. Frieman submitted letters in support of the new hire. I will keep the Board posted when the committee meets. Grant Gerber, Board Counsel and I will be meeting with Secretary Neall next week he is looking at everything very carefully one of the things he will be asking us will the regulations we will be writing are they restricted or not ours' is not. FYI Administrative there will be a new bill asking how many applications we received in the last 5 years, how many have criminal history and how many have been denied, staff will be working on and keeping those statistics as we move forward.

VI. Board Counsel – *Nothing to report; I will be at the regulatory meeting.*

VII. New Business: *Anne Arundel County-Ordinance concerning-Public Safety-Massage Establishments- Laurie Sheffield-James* - Bill was passed to allow Anne Arundel Police to inspect establishments. In regards to regulations please take a look at it and see if it is something we can live with or is there something that needs to be changed. If there is something that should be changed let Grant Gerber or myself know.

VIII. Old Business: *Notice of Regulation Development (NORD)-Tentative schedule for processing- Laurie Sheffield-James- FYI – what this say is the sooner we get the regulations in the sooner they become effective.*

IX. Ratification of New Licensees and New Registrants – *(Margaret Hayes/2nd Gwenda Harrison). Congratulations!!!*

X. Miscellaneous Discussion: *Nothing to report*

General Session Adjourned at 10:53 AM we will be moving to the Executive Session after a brief break. *(motion Gwenda Harrison / 2nd Gloria Boddie-Epps)*

Respectfully submitted,



Gloria Boddie-Epps
Secretary/Treasurer