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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 Somerset Conference Room, 6th Floor, on Wednesday September 26, 2012. The meeting was convened in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. **Deborah Overholt, Co-Chairperson of the Board** called the meeting to order at 9:35 A.M. and a roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

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| MARK J. CARANGELO | Present |
| DEBORAH OVERHOLT | Present |
| CYNTHIA SINICROPI-PHILIBOSIAN | Present |
| ALAN G. VONDERAHE | Present |
| DEBORAH ZASTOCKI | Present |
| CHRISTINE GILL ROSE | Present |
| RONALD P. MONDELLO | Present |

Also present were: **Susan Carboni, Deputy Attorney General; Joseph Donofrio, Deputy Attorney General; Lisa Affinito, Executive Director; Laura L. Anderson, Executive Director; Gerard Tobia, Administrative Staff and Charles Manning, Regulatory Analyst**

Members of the public: **Alexa Zaledonis, LMT, CPT, NCBTMB Chair, Board of Directors, NCBTMB (National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork.**

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 December 23, 2011. A schedule of all 2012 Regular Open Meetings of the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy to be held during 2012 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. MEETING DATES FOR 2013

January 23, 2013
February 27, 2013
March 27, 2013
April 24, 2013
May 22, 2013
June 26, 2013
July 24, 2013
August 28, 2013
September 25, 2013
October 23, 2013
December 4, 2013

Upon a motion made by Alan Vonderahe and seconded by Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian, the Board voted to accept the above meeting dates for 2013. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Division of Consumer Affairs
New Jersey Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy
Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy Rules
Adopted New Rules: N.J.A.C. 13:37A
Adopted Repeals: N.J.A.C. 13:37-16
From the September 4, 2012 New Jersey Register

1. Discussion regarding Licensure

Effective September 4, 2012, P.L. 2007, c. 337, the "Massage and Bodywork Therapist Licensing Act" (Act), was enacted. The act requires that any person engaged in the practice of massage and bodywork therapy must hold a license from the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy (Board).

Upon a motion made by Ronald P. Mondello and seconded by Mark J. Carangelo, that the Board will not enforce disciplinary action for unlicensed practice for those who have applied for licensure from September 4, 2012 through March 4, 2013. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. Discussion regarding Certification in Heartsaver CPR, Firstaid and use of an automated external defibrillator (AED)

A motion made by Alan Vonderahe and seconded by Ronald P. Mondello, that every licensee or applicant must take a hands on CPR class. The Board will not accept CPR certifications completed from online or internet courses. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

B. Discussion regarding renewal

1. Continuing Education Requirement

Upon a motion made by Alan Vonderahe and seconded by Ronald P. Mondello, the Board voted that licensees shall be limited to completing a total of six credit hours through courses presented on-line or through DVDs. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

2. CPR, Firstaid and AED

Upon a motion made by Ronald P. Mondello and seconded by Mark Carangelo, the Board voted that individuals who are renewing for the period of (December 1, 2012 through November 30, 2014) will need to meet the continuing education requirements for certification. Licensees will need to meet the continuing education requirements for licensure for the renewal period (December 1, 2014 through November 30, 2016). Firstaid is not required for renewal. Adult CPR is required for renewal. A vote was taken, Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian and Deborah Overholt voted in opposition, while all others voted in favor. The motion passed by a majority vote.

C. Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards(FSMTB) membership

Upon a motion made by Deborah Zastocki and seconded by Mark Carangelo, the Board voted to continue its membership with the FSMTB. The Board will contact the FSMTB in writing to advise them that the Board is interested in continuing its membership. The Board will also advise FSMTB that they are unable to pay the membership dues as they are a new Board as of September 4, 2012. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

D. HomeCEU Connection Flyer

RE: Continuing Education Requirements for Massage Therapists

The Board reviewed the HomeCEU Connection Flyer. The Board will notify Anne Osborn, PT, MPT, Owner of HomeCEUConnection.com in writing that regulations have changed. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:37A-4.1(b) Continuing Education, *Each applicant for biennial license renewal shall be required to complete 20 credit hours during the preceding biennial period related to the practice of massage and bodywork therapy.* These 20 credit hours shall include at least two hours in ethics.

E. Letter from Douglas Schon

RE: Reiki

The Board reviewed a letter from Douglas Schon which indicates that Mr. Schon is a certified Reiki Practitioner and Reiki Master(which means Mr. Schon is qualified to teach Reiki in New Jersey). Mr. Schon is asking if he needs a license to practice Reiki in New Jersey. The Board will notify Mr. Schon that he if he is solely practicing Reiki, he is not required to apply for a massage and bodywork therapy license.

F. Board Discussion
RE: Town Ordinances

The Board noted that there are town ordinances that require massage therapy businesses to be licensed within that particular town. The Board will notify towns that are brought to their attention that have an ordinance of this nature of the New Jersey "Massage and Bodywork Therapist Licensing Act" (Act) which requires all individuals who practice massage and bodywork to be licensed and all businesses who employ massage and bodywork therapists to be registered with the State of New Jersey.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Joseph Donofrio, D.A.G. counseled the Board on the following three agenda items (A, B and C) below. A motion was made by Alan Vonderahe and seconded by Mark Carangelo to go into Executive Session to seek legal advice. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

The Board then returned to Public Session to continue the meeting.

A. Response from Huirong Yang
RE: Provisional Order of Denial of Certification filed July 13, 2012

Upon a motion made by Deborah Zastocki and seconded by Mark Carangelo, the Board voted to finalize the Provisional Order of Denial of Certification. A vote was taken, Ronald P. Mondello and Christine Gill Rose voted in opposition while all others voted in favor. The motion passed by a majority vote.

B. Response from Ming Yu Li
RE: Provisional Order of Denial of Certification filed June 20, 2012

Upon a motion made by Alan Vonderahe and seconded by Mark Carangelo, the Board voted to finalize the Provisional Order of Denial of Certification. A vote was taken, Ronald P. Mondello voted in opposition while all others voted in favor. The motion carried by a majority vote.

C. Response from Tae Y. Kim
RE: Provisional Order of Denial of Certification filed July 13, 2012

Upon a motion made by Mark Carangelo and seconded by Alan Vonderahe, the Board voted to finalize the Provisional Order Of Denial of Certification. A vote was taken, Ronald P Mondello voted in opposition while all others voted in favor. The motion carried by a majority vote.

IV. ORDERS FILED (Informational)

A. Final Order of Discipline filed August 27, 2012
In the Matter of Adam Zaloshinsky

- B. Final Order of Denial of Certification filed August 27, 2012
In the Matter of Diana Cifuentes
- C. Provisional Order of Denial of Certification filed August 27, 2012
In the Matter of Zhen Zi Cui
- D. Provisional Order of Denial of Certification filed August 27, 2012
In the Matter of Oprah Yi

After discussion, the Board, upon a motion made by Alan Vonderahe and seconded by Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian, the Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss disciplinary actions. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board returned to Public Session and a motion was made by Alan Vonderahe and seconded by Deborah Zastocki to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 A.M. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Anderson
Executive Director

