

BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

Minutes

March 21, 2019

9:30 am to 4:30 pm

OS-0321-01	<u>Call to Order:</u>	
OS-0321-02	<p><u>Roll Call:</u></p> <p>Cary Bland, Chairman - Present</p> <p>Darlene Jackson, Board Member - Present</p> <p>Johanna Brooks, Board Member - Present</p> <p>Joseph Reo , Board Member - Absent</p> <p>Tannika Simmons, Board Member– Absent</p> <p>Thelma Ofosu- Mensah- Health Licensing Specialist- Absent</p> <p>Aisha Nixon, Senior Health Licensing Specialist- Present</p> <p>Panravee Vongjaroenrat , Assistant Attorney General - Present</p> <p>Leonard Howard, Investigator- Present</p>	
OS-0321-03	<p><u>Acceptance of the Agenda</u></p> <p><u>Motion:</u> Agenda approved by consensus.</p>	
OS-0321-04	<p><u>Senior Deputy Director/Executive Director’s Report:</u></p> <p>Aisha Nixon, Senior Health provided the Board with the renewal numbers; six hundred and twenty-eight (628) licensees had renewed. Ms. Nixon provided the Board with an update regarding the verification site issues.</p>	
OS-0321-05	<p><u>Board Attorney’s Report:</u></p> <p>Board Attorney, Panravee Vongjaroenrat, informed the Board that the Office of the Attorney General has concluded that all board members and staff are indemnified by the District government and given immunity from any actions when operating within the scope of their duties as a Board.</p>	

Ms. Vongjaroenrat also provide the Board with information regarding ADA Compliance and Access to Care laws and what they would need to know as individuals practitioners.

OS-0321-06 **Chairperson's Report:**

No report.

OS-0321-07 **MINUTES**

Board Action:

Consideration of the January 17, 2019 Open Session Minutes.

Motion:

Motions made by Ms. Brooks to approve the Open Session Minutes from the January 17, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Ms. Jackson. The motion passed unanimously.

OS-0321-08 **NATIONAL CERTIFICATION BOARD FOR THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE & BODYWORK (NCBTMB)**

Board Action:

Review of the information from NCBTMB regarding the two (2) examinations and determine if they will be accepted by the District.

Background:

The current Massage Therapy regulations only reference the acceptance of a National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCETMB) exam. The national exam section of the regulations hasn't been updated since the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage (NCETM) was developed.

The NCBTMB has two (2) recognized national examinations (NCETMB and NCETM). Both exams have similar questions, but NCETMB had some eastern modality questions, where NCETM was completely western based. NCBTMB initially developed the NCETMB and then sometime around 2007 or 2009 the NCETM exam was developed.

NCETM is another exam option for massage therapist to take as their national exam. There are twenty-seven (27) states that accept either exams as a national exam. (Among those states are our neighboring jurisdictions, Maryland and Virginia.) Kanaz is also in the process of accepting both exams.

Motion:

Board voted to accept both examinations from NCBTMB by consensus.

OS-0321-09

REGULATION AMENDMENT

Board Action:

Review of the draft proposed regulation updates and decide whether to accept or not to accept.

Background:

The sub-committee set up by the Board has completed its work on the regulation amendments. The document is ready for board review.

Motion:

No formal action taken. The Board will continue to review the recommended regulatory amendments at the next scheduled meeting.

OS-0321-10

ADJOURNMENT

Upon conclusion of the open session meeting pursuant to the DC Official Code 2-575B and for the purposes set forth therein, the Board will move into the closed executive session portion of the meeting to consult with the Board attorney, discuss disciplinary matters and hear reports concerning violations of the law or regulations.

Motion:

Motions made by Ms. Jackson to adjourn the Open Session portion of the March 21, 2019 meeting. Seconded by Ms. Brooks. The motion passed unanimously.

The Next Board meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2019.