

DIVISION OF CUSTOMER SERVICES
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS
RHODE ISLAND STATE BOARD OF LICENSED MASSAGE THERAPISTS

3 CAPITOL HILL
BECK CONFERENCE ROOM
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Wednesday, August 24, 2016
8:45 a.m.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Catherine Davis
John Balletto
Lynn Garvey
Michelle Russo

BOARD MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

N/A

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Alana Rodriguez, Board Manager

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Debra Kilty, American Massage Therapy Association, Rhode Island Chapter
Joanne Lozy, American Massage Therapy Association, Rhode Island Chapter
Michaele Colizza, American Massage Therapy Association, Rhode Island Chapter

1. Establishment of a quorum

A meeting of the Rhode Island State Board of Licensed Massage Therapists was held on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. A quorum was established and the Open Session meeting was called to order at 8:45 AM on a motion by Michelle Russo and seconded by Lynn Garvey. Motion carried.

2. Presentation of the June 22, 2016 Open Session Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Michelle Russo and seconded by Catherine Davis to accept the Open Session minutes of June 22, 2016. The Board voted unanimously to approve the Open Session minutes as presented. Motion carried.

3. Board Manager Report

a. Licensee Information

Ms. Rodriguez provided licensure updates to the board and reported that since the June 22 board meeting, the Department has licensed 10 massage therapists. For the year thus far the Department has licensed 57 massage therapists.

4. President/Chairperson Report

a. Update on RI Massage Therapy Convention, October 21-23, 2016

John Balletto reported that the American Massage Therapy Association will provide a table for the board at the convention and the board will provide general information to convention attendees.

b. Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB)

2016 Proposed Resolutions

Ms. Rodriguez discussed with the board that our selected delegate this year will vote on the 2016 Proposed Resolutions on behalf of the board at the FSTMB annual meeting, October 6-8, 2016 in Cleveland, Ohio. These Resolutions will be presented at the next scheduled meeting.

5. Old Business

a. Continuing Education Requirements

As a follow up from the June 22 meeting, the board continued the discussion of continuing education requirements. The board reviewed several other state regulation requirements on continuing education. For the next meeting the board members will research the following: acceptable general categories, recognized organizations, retention of records, define online courses, and report findings for further discussion.

6. New Business

a. American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA), Rhode Island Chapter Informative presentation by Joanne Lozy

Debra, Joanne, and Michaele of the Rhode Island Chapter of the AMTA provided the board with updates on their mission to educate AMTA members and the public on House Bill 7007. They reported on their initiatives, challenges, and concerns regarding their advocacy for the massage therapy profession and community and engaged the board in a very informative discussion. The board appreciated the valuable information and reiterated its role regarding statutory/regulatory legislation.

b. FSMTB Massage Education Policy

Ms. Rodriguez shared with the board that in July the FSMTB are developing an incremental process to support member boards in detecting and addressing fraud. The new Massage Education Policy will come into effect July 1, 2017.

c. FSMTB Board Delegate

The Board voted John Balletto as delegate this year to attend the FSMTB annual meeting October 6-8 in Cleveland, Ohio.

d. Licensure Application

The board discussed the Statutory requirements regarding licensure and reviewed the current application form.

7. Motion to adjourn to Closed Session

Motion was made by Catherine Davis and seconded by Michelle Russo to adjourn to Closed Session at 10:33 a.m. Motion carried. Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of discussing job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure. Said individuals have been notified in advance by writing that they

may request that the discussion be held at an open meeting. Also, pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(a)(4) of the Rhode Island General Laws, for investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct.

8. Motion to return to Open Session

Motion was made by Lynn Garvey and seconded by Catherine Davis at 10:58 a.m. to re-open the Open Session and to seal the Minutes of the Closed Session pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5 and 42-46-7 of the Rhode Island General Laws. Motion carried.

9. Adjournment

The next Rhode Island State Board of Licensed Massage Therapists meeting will be held Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at the Rhode Island Department of Health, Conference Room 104, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908. Motion was made by Catherine Davis and seconded by Michelle Russo to adjourn at 10:58 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alana Rodriguez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alana Rodriguez
Board Manager
Center for Professional Boards and Commissions