

MINUTES
South Carolina Massage/Bodywork Therapy Panel
Telephone Conference Meeting
2:00 p.m., November 28, 2011
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building, Conference Room 107
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210

Meeting Called to Order - Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Massage Therapy/Bodywork Panel office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Public Notice:

Chairperson Ms. Porter announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Massage/Bodywork Panel office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Introduction of Panel Members and Other Persons Attending:

The Panel members introduced themselves. Ms. Carolyn C. Porter, Panel Chair from Greenville; Mr. Lou F. Hastings from Travelers Rest; Ms. Janet Shaw from West Columbia,

Staff members present: Dean Grigg, Advice Counsel; Byron Ray, Administrator; Lisa Hawsey, Assistant Administrator; Malinda Pressley and Roz Bailey-Glover, Administrative Staff, and Cecelia Englert, Court Reporter, and Jennifer Cooper, LLR Legal Staff.

Others participating in the meeting included: Lane Goodwin and Debbie Banker

Approval of Excused Absences:

Mr. Charles Stricklin, Sr., from Charleston and Ms. Linda S. Pearson from Spartanburg were not present.

MOTION:

Ms. Shaw made a motion to excuse panel member from today's conference call meeting as they had to work. Mr. Hastings seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION:

Mr. Hastings made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Shaw seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Chairman's Remarks – Carolyn Porter

Chairperson Ms. Porter stated that the Panel was cleaning up wording in the regulations.

Administrator's Remarks, For Information – Byron Ray – There were none.

Old Business – There was none.

New Business

Approval of Proposed Regulations

Mr. Grigg stated that there should have been another item on the agenda for the Panel to review changes to the Practice Act. The Panel will have to schedule a second meeting to address the changes to the Practice Act. The regulations must conform to the statutes in the Practice Act. The proposed changes have been made.

Mr. Grigg covered the regulation cleanup under chapter 77-100 (1) D and part two regarding the MBlex examination. A discussion ensued regarding the examination language. What the Panel wants is to accept the NCE which is the National Certification Examination and the MBlex. The Panel agreed to use the language from regulations 40-30-110 (3) and move that language into 77-100 (1) (C)

Mr. Hastings made comments regarding section 40-30-110 which already includes the language regarding the NCE and any other national examination. Mr. Grigg explained that both the Practice act and the Regulations are being cleaned up and must mirror each other. If the Panel wants to add another examination in the future a rewrite must occur as we are doing today. A discussion ensued.

MOTION:

Mr. Hastings made a motion to accept the proposed changes as outlined in the documents received indicating the name of the two examinations (the NCE & MBlex). Ms. Shaw seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Grigg explained that the Panel will need to have another conference call to address the changes made to the Practice Act, section 40-30-180 (2). The Panel discussed possible dates. Chairperson Porter also stated that she wanted to discuss lowering the application fees. Mr. Grigg also stated the Engine Bill was also being revised, but the changes submitted to the Boards were for information only.

Discussion - There was none.

Public Comments – There were none.

Executive Session – There was none.

Adjournment

MOTION:

Ms. Shaw made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Hastings seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

The next meeting of the S.C. Massage/Bodywork Therapy Panel is tentatively scheduled for January 20, 2012.