

ADVISORY BOARD ON MASSAGE THERAPY
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
June 17, 2021
10:00 a.m.
2401 N W 23rd, Suite 84
Testing Center
Oklahoma City, Ok. 73107
Laura Grisso, Chair – Presiding

1. Call to order

Chair Grisso called the meeting to order.

2. Roll call

A quorum was established with roll call. The following members were present.

Laura Grisso, Chair
Pam Matherly, Vice Chair
Marilyn Ihloff
Kelle Lene
Rob Rowe

Board Staff

Sherry Lewelling, Executive Director
John Funderburk, Principal Assistant
Janelle Hastings, Administrative Assistant
LauriAnn LA Gillette Inspector Coordinator
Latonca Dollarson Examiner
Lori Cutchin, Massage Program Coordinator

3. This regularly scheduled meeting of the Oklahoma Advisory Board on Massage Therapy has been convened in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act. Chair Grisso verified the agenda had been properly posted and agenda ized.

4. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve or Disapprove Board Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2021

A motion was made by Ms. Ihloff and seconded by Ms. Matherly to approve board meeting minutes from April 15, 2021

Voting:

Matherly, yes; Rowe, yes; Lene, yes; Ihloff, yes.

Motion passed.

5. Director's Report – Sherry G. Lewelling

Legislative Update

Ms. Lewelling introduced Lori Cutchin as the Agency's new Massage Program Coordinator and Caroline Hagberg as the newest inspector/examiner.

Ms. Lewelling also mentioned that she thought a lot of Massage therapists did not renew their licenses during Covid because last year we have about 2500-2700 licensees and this year we had only about 1500.

6. Legislative update – Laura Grisso

Ms. Grisso said during our last meeting in May 2021, Ms. Lewelling asked the two national organizations get together and meet and come up with some common goals, things they want to see in the bill. Laura Embleton from AMBP and Rachel Adams from MTA, met and then Laura G had a zoom call with them at the end of May. We discussed they had a lot of questions about MBLEX pass rate, there was a lot of info gathering and dispersing in that meeting, Laura Embleton had different ways to look at licensure of establishment authority then the meeting ended and we ran out of time.

Since that ZOOM meeting, Rachel Adams has resigned as government relations liaison for AMTA, the new lady Lorinda Rose from AMTA, so she would reach out and get their feedback. Laura Embleton is very interested and hope that she will have clearance to travel by our next meeting in August.

7. Discussion and possible action to create legislative committee.

Ms. Grisso said they are starting a little earlier this year, usually we create committees in August. Ms. Ihloff volunteered to serve on the legislative committee with Ms. Grisso.

Ms. Ihloff made a motion to create a legislative committee, seconded by Mr. Rowe.

Voting:

Matherly, yes; Rowe, yes; Lene, yes; Ihloff, yes.

Motion passed.

8. FAQ Website Committee update – Sherry G. Lewelling

Ms. Lewelling said the reason we are working on the FAQs is for Massage Therapists to have a better understanding of why establishment authority is important. Ms. Lene said massage therapists will want to break down these features and talk about the benefits of it, and raise the level of public perception of massage therapy industry and alleviate some perceptions about inspections.

Ms. Lewelling said she thought it was a good idea for associations to get together because for us to get anything done we all need to be on the same page, for us to move forward and protect the future of massage therapy industry we need to all pull together.

9. Discussion and possible action on FAQ Website committee update.

No action was taken

10. Discussion on Massage Therapy Compact – Laura Grisso

The United State Department of Defense and FSMTB and other agencies are in the very early process of developing a compact license for Massage Therapy. This would be a multi-state license process, simply means you don't have to go thru re-licensing process in states that participate. The intent behind this is to benefit military families who move a lot and allow people to move state to state more easily. Ms. Lewelling said Cosmetology and Barbering also included in this compact and she has been invited to participate on a national level.

11. Public comment- Opportunity for the board to receive public comments. Each speaker is limited to three minutes. The Board cannot respond to or discuss public comments regarding matters not on today's agenda.

No requests were heard.

12. New business which could not have been reasonably foreseen prior to posting of meeting agenda 25 O.S. sec.311 (A)(9)

No new business was heard.

13. Board adjournment

Chair Grisso adjourned the meeting.

Laura Grisso, Chair	_____
Pam Matherly, Vice Chair	_____
Rob Rowe	_____
Kelle Lene	_____
Marilyn Ihloff	_____