



**OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF
COSMETOLOGY AND BARBERING**

ADVISORY BOARD ON MASSAGE THERAPY

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2018

10:06 am

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

(The meeting agenda had been properly posted and agenda-ized)

2. Roll Call

Quorum was established with roll call. The following persons answered roll call:

Laura Grisso, Chair, Robert Rowe, Theresa Schroeder

(note: Pam Matherly, Vice Chair and Marilyn Ihloff were both absent)

BOARD'S LEGAL ADVISOR

Grant Moak

BOARD STAFF

John Funderburk, Principal Assistant

Janelle Hastings, Administrative Assistant

Laura Bryce, Massage Therapy License Department

Elaine Klemme, Inspector/Examiner

Camisha Green, Student Dept.

NOTE: Sherry Lewelling, Executive Director was attending the NIC conference in North Carolina on this date.



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Chair Grisso welcomed guests and students from Central Oklahoma College in Oklahoma City.

Karen Harr, Thomas Snow, Rachel Adams, Tonya Sharp, Laura G, Mary Elizabeth LeBlanc, Laura Hickman, Cheyenne Lewis, Crystal Beene, Destiny S., Alejandra Lopez, Chelsea Taylor, Dorie Davison, Sharae Schackleford, Heather Xoquic, Nicole Jones, Melissa Estarga, Cassandra Walton, Kelsey Lugsch, Juan Hernandez, LauriAnn Gillette, Rikki Cospers, Eva Slechta, Jai McGrainer, Laura Bryce, Kim Johnson, Camisha Green, Ryan Gaines, Wil Sovick, Elaine Klemme, Astrud Ray Kubier, Heather Clark Hiliard

3. Public Comment – Opportunity for the Board to Receive Public Comment – Each speaker is limited to three minutes. Comments must be related to items listed on the agenda

It was noted that no formal requests had been received but Chair Grisso welcomed comments from guests in attendance provided comments were related to items on the agenda.

Rachel Adams stated that she was against serving alcohol unless establishment has a liquor license.

Karen Hart expressed concern that serving alcohol combined with increased oxygen level from the massage itself, combined with steams or saunas or with unknown medications possible taken by the client, could create a liability on the part of the Massage Therapist and the establishment.



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4. Discussion and Possible Action To Approve or Disapprove Board Meeting Minutes from Board Meeting from February 15, 2018

A motion was made by Schroeder and seconded by Rowe to approve Board meeting minutes from February 15, 2018

Schroeder, yes; Rowe, yes.

Motion passed.

5. ABMT Chair-Laura Grisso Legislative Update

Chair Grisso said that since our last meeting February 15, SB1063 has gone thru senate and moved on to the house. Representative Tammy West, of Warr Acres wanted to review the language dealing with human trafficking and get FBI and OSBI to review it. Then the teachers strike occurred on April 2 and there's been no movement on bill since then. She urged everyone to contact lawmakers and express your interest in that bill and make sure it gets passed this session. We don't want leg session to end without this bill being passed.



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6. FSMTB (Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards) Conference Report – Laura Bryce
Ms. Bryce gave a detailed report on the two day FSMTB conference in Kansas City.

One of the most important things discussed was FSMTB's MATLDA (**M**assage **T**herapy **L**icensing **D**atabase) This is open to any state board that shares info with FSMTB's MATLDA including education, and testing history, CEU's, any history of disciplinary action taken by boards. We'll need to make sure we can legally share this information and that our computer system is compatible with MATLDA, It is strictly for state boards' use and licensees cannot see their own information.

Another important topic was communicating with national and local law enforcement and other state agencies regarding human trafficking and what to look for and how to help victims. Cultures and social norms often affect the problem, some would prefer to stay than leave their friends or family members. Limit the diploma mills, websites like rub maps and back page illicit activities.

Another issue was the MBLEX exam being offered in English and Spanish only, it's costly to develop testing in different languages, Spanish is an exception since Puerto Rico is a US territory.

Ms. Bryce added that Ms. Lewelling wanted a committee established to study the legalities of sharing information to FSMTB's MATLDA.

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7. Discussion on traveling massage therapist

This item was placed on the agenda to simply generate discussion regarding the massage therapists who do out-call massages, the office has fielded numerous calls since licensing began. As of right now, until a change in legislation allows us establishment authority, the only thing required is the Massage therapy license. While no one is in favor of adding the burden of an additional license, it was suggested that licenses have a special box to check off, if massages are done on an out-call basis.

8. Discussion on serving alcohol in massage therapy establishments.

The ABLE commission was invited but unable to attend this meeting. Eric Smoot, title 37 section 538 c from able commission sent some information and the code clearly states that you cannot serve or sell alcohol without a license, the first time is a misdemeanor, the second time is a felony. You cannot serve or sell alcohol without a license; this would fall under the jurisdiction of the ABLE commission, not the cosmetology board. If a massage tech was asked to do a massage on an inebriated client, that would fall under the Labor commission and the tech would need to contact a private attorney.



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9. Board Adjournment

Chair Grisso announced the meeting to be adjourned.

LAURA GRISSO, CHAIR

ROBERT ROWE

THERESA SCHROEDER