



SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

June 21, 2021

10:00 am

2401 N W 23<sup>rd</sup>, Suite 84

Testing Center

Oklahoma City, Ok. 73107

Jeff Sells, Chair - Presiding

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1. Call to order

Chair Sells called the meeting to order.

2. Roll call

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

Jeff Sells, Chair  
Bruce Waight, Sr. Vice Chair  
Peggy Avery  
Anthony Baldini  
Machele Callicoa  
Christy Mather  
Thao Nguyen Pham  
Erin Pierce

NOTE: Board members Bill Helton, Christy Luther and Greg Mitchell were not present on this date.

**Board Legal Advisor**

Jenny Dickson

**Board Staff**

Sherry Lewelling, Executive Director  
John Funderburk, Principal Assistant.  
Camisha Green, Student Registrar  
Caroline Hagberg, Inspector/Examiner  
Elaine Klemme, Inspector/Examiner  
Lori Cutchin  
Latonca Dollarson  
LauriAnn LA Gillette Inspector Coordinator

**Visitors**

Rep. Wendy Stearman (R., Dist.11)  
Maria Maule, Assistant Attorney General

3. This specially scheduled meeting of the Oklahoma Cosmetology and Barbering Board has been convened in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

Chair Sells verified that the meeting had been properly posted and agenda-ized.

Chair Sells introduced and welcomed guests Rep Wendi Stearman and Maria Maule, Assistant attorney general office

4. Public comment- Opportunity for the board to receive public comments. Each speaker is limited to three minutes. Comments must be related to items listed on the agenda.

No requests were heard.

5. Discussion and possible action to approve emergency rule for massage therapy. OAC 175:20-5-3.1, Clarification of license renewal procedures following COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Maule, Assistant AG first explained the rule regarding renewal of a massage therapy license then explained how Governor Stitt's state of emergency enacted from March 17, 2020 to January 31, 2021 impacted those licensees. This will help with some of those licensees, as long as they comply with other board requirements, to essentially preserve their status.

Chair Sells explained the state of emergency basically paused all occupational licensing in Oklahoma but because the way the Massage Therapy law was written, when that state of emergency expired some of those licensees immediately became inactive. So we are looking at putting in a temporary rule that would allow those affected to renew their license, it's going to be a very narrow margin of licenses that fit into this category.

Ms. Lewelling said we typically have about 2,700 Massage therapy licensees, we now have currently about 1,500 licensees, so there is a number of licensees that didn't renew.

6. A motion was made by Mr. Baldini and seconded by Ms. Callicoat to approve emergency rule for massage therapy. OAC 175:20-5-3.1, Clarification of license renewal procedures following COVID-19 pandemic.

Voting:

Waight, yes; Avery, yes; Baldini, yes; Callicoat, yes; Mather, yes; Nguyen Pham, yes; Pierce, yes.

Motion Passed.

7. Board adjournment

Chair Sells adjourned the meeting.