

**VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING  
MASSAGE THERAPY ADVISORY BOARD  
MINUTES**

**April 4, 2011**

- TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting of the of the Massage Therapy Advisory Board convened at 10:00 a.m. in Board Room 4, Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 201, Henrico, Virginia.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joseph Schibner, IV, Chairperson  
Joan Cordle, RN, CMT  
Lucia Kaestner, CMT  
Amenaua Foy, CMT
- BOARD MEMBER  
ABSENT:** Ruth R. Smith, Citizen Member
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director  
Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S., Deputy Executive Director  
Elaine Yeatts, Department of Health Professions Policy Analyst  
Amy Davis, Executive Assistant (*left after presentation*)  
Latasha Austin, Administrative Assistant
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Howard M. Casway, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Debra Persinger, Ph.D., Executive Director, FSMTB (*left after presentation*)  
Sally Hacking, M.S.N., R.N., Director of Government Relations, FSMTB (*left after presentation*)  
Dawn Hogue, C.M.T., representative from NCBTMB  
Dianne Rand, C.M.T., 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, AMTA-Virginia Chapter  
Louise, Hartz, Citizen Member, Board of Nursing  
Massage Therapy students from American Institute of Massage, Inc.
- PRESENTATION:** A power point presentation was given by Dr. Persinger and Ms. Hacking from the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB). The presentation provided background on who and what FSMTB is and does and the difference between certification and licensure. The presentation also provided background, general information, content, and facts on the Massage & Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx). The floor was open for question and answers following the presentation.
- ESTABLISHMENT OF  
A QUORUM:** With four members of the Advisory Board present, a quorum was established.
- CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Schibner called the business meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

DISCUSSION:

**Discussion of 54.1-3029**

A motion was made by Mr. Foy to recommend to the Board of Nursing to delete sections 54.1-3029 (B) and 54.1-3029 (C) and to change the current language of section 54.1-3029 (A) (3) to read as follows: *Has passed the National Certification Exam for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork, the National Certification Exam for Therapeutic Massage, the licensing examination of the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards, or an exam deemed acceptable to the Board of Nursing*, to be submitted to the General Assembly. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment addressed to the Advisory Board.

DISCUSSION:

**Licensure/Certification of Massage Therapist**

Further discussion continued regarding the difference between licensure and certification of massage therapists. The Board agreed to continue this discuss regarding licensure and to invite other stakeholders to the next meeting to discuss the licensure of massage therapists further.

FUTURE MEETING

DATE:

The suggested future meeting date is October 2011. Board staff will coordinate with Advisory Board members on availability and confirm exact date when possible.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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Brenda Krohn, R.N., M.S  
Deputy Executive Director