

MINUTES BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

MAY 18, 2021 • 9:00 A.M

Electronic Meeting

Convened: 9:01 a.m.

Adjourned: 9:47 a.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roger Olbrot, Board Chair
Gloria Miley

Randall Nikola
Anita Egbert

Maile Tau'A-Roberts

DOPL STAFF PRESENT:

Allyson Pettley, Bureau Manager
Ernie Gamonal, Board Secretary

Sicily Hill, Compliance Specialist
Deborah Blackburn, Assistant Director

GUESTS:

Crystal Medina, Serenity Tree School of
Natural Healing
Ronald Wayman, Brain Integration Institute
Susan Tiede, Foot Zone Center LLC

Austin Hepworth, Attorney for Brain
Integration Institute
Maleah Gordon, Enlighten Footzone
Academy

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Read and approve March 16, 2021 Minutes (00:02:10)

Ms. Roberts made a motion to approve the March 16, 2021 minutes, seconded by Mr. Nikola. The motion passed unanimously.

CURRICULUM REVIEW: (00:03:35)

Serenity Tree School of Natural Healing

Mr. Olbrot thanked Mr. Nikola and the team at the Serenity Tree School of Natural Healing for their work on the curriculum.

Ms. Egbert asked about assisting clients on and off the table. The Board and Ms. Medina discussed whether this is appropriate in the curriculum. Ms. Pettley told the Board that the statute doesn't prohibit assisting clients on and off the table.

Mr. Olbrot told Ms. Medina he had some concerns with the flow of the instruction, specifically teaching some pathology before the corresponding anatomy and physiology. He also was concerned about teaching Lymphatic work before teaching the lymphatic system. He also spoke about pre-natal massage and skin anatomy. Ms. Medina thanked him for the suggestion and said she would incorporate it.

Mr. Olbrot asked about CPR & First Aid instruction. Ms. Medina told the Board that they will be using a firefighter, certified by the American Red Heart Association, to teach this.

Mr. Olbrot called for a vote to approve the curriculum pending the changes. Ms. Roberts moved to approve the curriculum pending the changes that Mr. Olbrot suggested. Ms. Miley seconded the motion.

Mr. Olbrot said that every syllabus said that there may be a zoom link and he asked to which specific classes that applies. Ms. Medina told the Board that she would like to be able to record the classes in case a student had to miss, or in the case of COVID-19. Mr. Olbrot suggested that the Zoom link mention should be removed from the syllabi because the Board wouldn't want to approve an online school. Ms. Medina agreed

Ms. Pettley told Ms. Medina that when the Board approves the curriculum she will contact the Division of Consumer Protections and the FSMTB to let them both know.

Mr. Olbrot called a vote to approve the curriculum with the discussed changes. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gamonal will distribute the final curriculum to the Board.

DISCUSSION:

Recognized Exempted Industry Organizations (00:33:05)

Ms. Pettley welcomed the Brain Integration representatives to the meeting. Ms. Pettley told the Board that she met with Ms. Blackburn, Assistant Division Director, and they determined that the Division had enough information to inform organizations who want to be recognized by the Division. Ms. Pettley told the Board that they may need one more meeting to modify the rule. Ms. Pettley shared the conclusions that she and Ms. Blackburn reached:

- A recognized organization will need to be national.
- A recognized organization may be either non-profit or for profit.
- A recognized organization will need to have a defined scope of practice.
- A recognized organization will need to define their educational requirements, but they will not be defined in rule.
- A recognized organization will need to have a required certification examination.
- A recognized organization will need to have a self-defined and published code of ethics.
- A recognized organization will need to have a way to confirm that a practitioner is in good standing.
- A recognized organization will determine certification and recertification fees or no fee..

Ronald Wayman with the Brain Integration Institute told the Board that his organization requires 500 education hours, they have a defined scope of practice, and they are an international organization. He also said that they will post their certified practitioners, in good standing, on a website.

Ms. Pettley said that the next step is for the criteria to go through the rule making process and she explained the process.

Susan Tiede asked for clarification about certification and recertification fees not being a requirement. Ms. Pettley said there will not be a requirement in the rule.

Austin Hepworth, asked where an organization would submit information to the Division. Ms. Pettley told Mr. Hepworth to submit any information to egamonal@utah.gov. Mr. Hepworth asked about online schools. Ms. Blackburn told Mr. Hepworth that there would need to be a defined education pathway, but the Division wouldn't define education method of delivery for exempted schools by rule and it would be up to the school.

Ms. Tiede told the Board footzone education needs to be hands on. She said that theory education can be over the internet, however the technique needs to be observed. She told the Board that a school could observe technique over online video.

Maleah Gordon told the Board how her footzone school, Enlighten Footzone Academy, conducts online education with weekly meetings and online video observation. Mr. Hepworth told the Board that this is the school he indicated would be seeking recognition.

Mr. Olbrot told the Board that in his opinion, massage therapy technique cannot be taught online. Because the instructors cannot observe that the appropriate pressure is used. Mr. Nikola told the Board that his school operates as a blended online and in-person program, with the totally didactic courses taught online. He thinks that vocational schooling needs to have a hands on component taught live.

Ms. Gordon asked if she could demonstrate the validity of online training and Mr. Olbrot told her that based on Ms. Pettley's earlier remarks, because their training may lead to an exempted practice, the Division wouldn't regulate the method of delivery.

Ms. Pettley told the Board that she will be changing positions, so this will likely be the last Massage Board Meeting she will attend. She thanked the Board. The Board members thanked her offered congratulations on her promotion, and wished her the best.

TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED MEETINGS

July 20, 2021

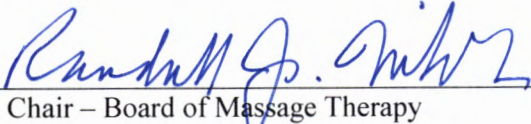
September 21, 2021

November 16, 2021


ADJOURN 9:47 A.M. (no motion required)

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessary shown in the chronological order they occurred.

7/20/2021
Date Approved


Board Chair – Board of Massage Therapy

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Bureau Manager – Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing