

**BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC AND MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS**  
**MINUTES – GENERAL SESSION**

*January 10, 2013*

**Members Present**

Stephanie J. Chaney, D.C., Board President  
Michael Fedorczyk, D.C., Board Vice-President  
Jonathan C. Nou, D.C., Board Secretary/Treasurer  
Michael Maskowitz, D.C.  
Gwenda Harrison, LMT  
Karen Biagiotti, LMT  
David A. Cox, LMT  
Gloria Boddie-Epps, Consumer Member  
Ernestine Jones Jolivet, Consumer Member

**Non-Members Present**

J.J. Vallone, Executive Director  
Adrienne Congo, Deputy Director  
Grant D. Gerber, Esq., Board Counsel  
Michelle Czarnecki, Legal Assistant  
Sharon Bloom, DHMH  
Paula Hollinger, DHMH  
Wayne Parker, LMT, AMTA President,  
MD Chapter  
Paul Abosh, D.C., MD Chiropractic  
Assoc.  
Anthony Hinkle, CE (NCB)

**Members Absent**

Joanne M. Bushman, D.C.  
Robert G. Frieman, D.C.

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*Dr. Stephanie Chaney called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.*

**Review of Agenda and Minutes**

The January 10, 2013 agenda was amended as follows by direction of the Board: (1) Addition of a project update for CA renewals under "Review of Administrative Staff Issues"; (2) Addition of two petitions from Heather Reynolds and Susan Partlow to the Petitions section; (3) Addition of two Chiropractic Trade Name Requests; and (4) Addition of two Massage Trade Name Requests. Dr. Fedorczyk made a motion to approve the agenda with those amendments; Ms. Jones Jolivet seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted.

The December 13, 2012 minutes were revised as follows: addition of Dr. Michael Fedorczyk in the "Members Present" section. Dr. Fedorczyk made a motion to accept the December 13, 2012 minutes with that revision; Dr. Nou seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted.

**Review of Administrative Staff Issues, Mr. J.J. Vallone, Executive Director and Ms. Adrienne Congo, Deputy Director**

- **Update regarding Massage Therapy Testing Requirements**—Ms. Congo: Although there has been some discussion regarding the use of different massage therapy evaluation and testing for new applicants, the Board is continuing to accept the NCBTMB exams (NCETM, NCEMTB, and the Board Certification Exam) as well as MBLex. In addition, the National Examination for State Licensing (NESL) is going to be phased out by NCBTMB, commencing in April of this year.
- **Update regarding Disciplinary Order Project**—Mr. Vallone: Ms. Czarnecki has commenced the process of copying/scanning Board disciplinary orders to be accessible via the Board's disciplinary webpage to comply with current regulations. She has nearly completed printing and will facilitate the scanning of those documents. As of now the disciplinary orders are planned to be in pdf format for users to view on the Board's website. Board Counsel Mr. Grant Gerber suggested having the disciplinary orders placed on the license verification page, which is consistent with other boards' practices and provides for more privacy for those licensees affected. This will be followed up by the Board and final determination to be made after upload of orders is ready.
- **Update regarding CA renewals**—Mr. Vallone: All current CAs must renew by the March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013 deadline. Reminders have already been sent out, and the policies and procedures letter should be sent out within the next week. A new group of CAs just passed their jurisprudence test, and can continue to practice as a trainee until February 15, 2013. The issues that occurred with MAC users with the MT renewal should have been resolved with IT. There are approximately 450 CAs currently licensed; it is expected that about 100 will not renew but it is expected that the same amount will be newly licensed.

**Update on Massage Therapy Regulations Subcommittee by Karen Biagiotti, LMT**

- Now that public concerns have been heard regarding the new regulations, a meeting needs to be rescheduled with the subcommittee and Kristin Denville, DHMH Regulations Specialist, to draft the appropriate language for the laws. Board Counsel will be present for this meeting, which was tentatively planned for February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

**Petition from Heather Reynolds (Applicant)**

- Ms. Reynolds petitions the Board to accept her non-accredited massage training school (*Connecting Point School of Massage*) which has been licensed by the Virginia Higher Education Commission. Ms. Reynolds is licensed in Virginia and is nationally certified. She received her BA from the University of Maryland, and has been practicing for over ten years. Based on this information, Ms. Jones Jolivet made a motion to waive the accreditation requirement and accept Ms. Reynolds application; Ms. Harrison seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted.

**Petition from Ms. Susan Partlow (Applicant)**

- Ms. Partlow petitions the Board to accept her massage training school (*Center for Massage & Natural Health*) which was non-accredited at the time of her graduation in 2003 but received

accreditation in 2006. There has been no substantial change in the school's curriculum from 2003 to 2006. Ms. Partlow is nationally certified and licensed in North Carolina. Her license verification has not yet been received, but no disciplinary issues were found. Based on this information, Mr. Cox made a motion to waive the accreditation requirements and accept Ms. Partlow's application; Ms. Harrison seconded, and the motion was unanimously voted.

**Requests for Approval of Chiropractic Trade Names**

The following chiropractic trade name requests were individually **approved** by Board motions. Ms. Biagiotti made the motions; Ms. Harrison seconded, and the motions were unanimously voted.

1. *Chiropractic Office & Wellness Center*—Cynthia McMahon-Jenkin, D.C.
2. *Applied Chiropractic*—Brian A. Lancaster, D.C.

**Requests for Approval of Massage Trade Names**

The following massage trade name requests were individually **approved** by Board motions. Ms. Biagiotti made the motions; Ms. Harrison seconded, and the motions were unanimously voted.

1. *Tranquil Moments Massage Therapy*—Janice W. Landfair, LMT
2. *Lotus Bliss Therapeutic Massage and Wellness Center*—Nicole R. Stokes, LMT (*Correction-Replacement*)
3. *Healing Hands Massage*—Butsarakorn Wagner, RMP (*Resubmission due to denial 12/13/12*)
4. *Massage for the Soul*—Zoraida D. Alvarez, LMT (*Changed from A. Zora Therapeutic Massage, Sanctuary of Holistic Wellness & Healing Arts*)
5. *Elated Harmonies Massage*—Nora L. Carter, RMP

The following massage trade name requests were individually **denied** by Board motions. An explanation letter will be provided with the denials. Ms. Biagiotti made the motions; Ms. Harrison seconded, and the motions were unanimously voted.

1. *Lavender Dreams Mobile Spa, LMT*—Monique Johnson, LMT (*Correction*)

*Upon motion by Dr. Nou, seconded by Dr. Fedorczyk, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn General Session at 10:30 am.*

**Respectfully Submitted:**

**Jonathan C. Nou, D.C.**  
**Board Secretary/Treasurer**