

**OPEN MINUTES**  
**Missouri Board of Therapeutic Massage**  
**May 14, 2001 – 2:00 p.m.**  
**Telephone Conference Call**  
**Division of Professional registration**  
**3605 Missouri Boulevard – Jefferson City, Missouri**

The Missouri Board of Therapeutic Massage was called to order by Board Chairperson Elizabeth Miller at 2:05 p.m. at the Division of Professional Registration, 3605 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, Missouri.

**Board Members present**

Elizabeth Miller, Chairperson

Derek Alvarez

Christine Warner

Juliet Mee, Non-voting member (Joined the call at 2:07 p.m.)

Bernard Wesley, Vice Chairperson (Joined the call at 2:07 p.m.)

Kevin Snedden (Joined the call at 2:07 p.m.)

**Board Members Absent**

Dr. Gretchen Lockett, Public Member

**Staff Present**

Loree Kessler, Executive Director

Jeanette Stuenkel, Executive I

Chad Sooter, Licensure Technician

Ms. Miller indicated she would be voting in open and closed session.

A motion was made by Ms. Warner and seconded by Mr. Alvarez to approve the open session minutes of the following meetings; December 19, 2000, January 9, 2001, January 17, 2001, January 22, 2001, February 12, 2001, February 26, 2001, and March 27, 2001. Motion carried unanimously,.

**Reciprocity Review**

The following states were reviewed by the board to determine if the licensure law and rules were equivalent to Missouri.

**Hawaii** – 500 hours of instruction, with 50 hours of Anatomy & Physiology not equivalent to Missouri. The board requested the executive director contact the state and obtain a specific breakdown of the hours of instruction. Additionally, information is needed regarding the examination administered by the state. Specifically is the exam statistically validated and regionally normed?

**Texas** - Determined the law and regulation were not equivalent to Missouri because Texas requires completion of 300-hour program in massage therapy and Missouri requires completion of a 500-hour program.

**New York** - Determined the law and regulations were equivalent to Missouri.

**Virginia** – Review tabled The executive director was asked to contact the state and obtain a copy of the law and regulations in order for the board to determine breakdown of the 500 hour program.

**New Mexico** - Determined the law and regulations were equivalent to Missouri.

### **Meeting Schedule**

The board scheduled conference calls for 2-4 p.m. on June 11, July 9 and July 30, 2001.

At 2:22 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Warner and seconded by Mr. Alvarez to convene in closed session pursuant to motion to close 610.021 subsection (14) subsection (7) RSMo for the purpose of discussing applicants for licensure and/or discussing investigative reports and/or complaints and/or audits and/or other information pertaining to the licensee or applicant and section 610.021 subsection (1) RSMo for the purpose of discussing general legal actions, causes of action or litigation, and any confidential or privileged communication between this agency and its attorney. Board members voting aye; Ms. Warner, Mr. Alvarez, Mr. Snedden, Mr. Brantley, Mr. Wesley, and Ms. Miller. Motion carried unanimously.

At 3:10 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Alvarez and seconded by Ms. Warner to convene in open session and adjourn the conference call meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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Executive Director

Approved by Board on August 27, 2001