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Meeting Notice
Missouri Board of Therapeutic Massage
April 28, 2008 – 11:30 a.m.
Division of Professional Registration
3605 Missouri Boulevard – Jefferson City, Missouri

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Please see attached agenda for this meeting.

**Tentative Open Session Agenda
 Missouri Board of Therapeutic Massage
 Conference Call – 573/526-5398
 April 28, 2008 – 11:30 a.m.
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Call to Order	Kevin Snedden, Chairperson
Approval of Open Session Agenda	
Approval of Open Session Minutes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 16, 2008 	
Renate Brodecker – Certified mentor application	
NCBTMB – Price reduction for exam	
Meeting Schedule	

Motions to Close

Section 610.021 subsection (14) and 620.010.14 subsection (7) RSMo for the purpose of discussing investigative reports and/or complaints and/or audits and/or other information pertaining to the licensee or applicant. Section 610.021 subsection (1) RSMo for the purpose of discussing general legal actions, causes of action or litigation and any confidential or privileged communications between this agency and its attorney and for the purpose of reviewing and approving closed meeting minutes of one or more previous meetings under the subsections of 610.021 RSMo which authorized this agency to go into closed session during those meetings.

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
Missouri Board of Therapeutic Massage
April 28, 2008 – 11:30 a.m.
Division of Professional Registration
3605 Missouri Boulevard – Jefferson City, Missouri

At 11:42 a.m. the Missouri Board of Therapeutic Massage conference call meeting was called to order by Denny Fitterling, vice-chairperson, at the Missouri Division of Professional Registration, 3605 Missouri Boulevard, Jefferson City, Missouri. Roll call was facilitated by the executive director.

Board Members Present

Denny Fitterling, Vice-Chairperson
Juliet Mee, Non-voting member
Renate Brodecker
Dawn Standley (joined conference call at 11:45 a.m.)
Carl Nelson (joined conference call at 12 noon)

Board Member Absent

Kevin Snedden, Chairperson

Staff Present

Loree Kessler, Executive Director
Jeanette Stuenkel, Executive I
Patti Hack, Licensure Technician II
Kim Grinston, Counsel

Mr. Fitterling chaired the meeting in Mr. Snedden's absence. Mr. Fitterling stated he would be voting in open and closed sessions.

Since the board convened with only two voting members and a non-voting member present, it was determined it would make recommendations and convene as a full board when more members joined the conference call meeting.

The members discussed how to proceed and determined that it would convene in closed session as a subcommittee and at 11:45 a.m. Ms. Standley joined the conference call meeting allowing the board to move from a subcommittee to a full board conference call meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Brodecker and seconded by Ms. Standley to convene in closed pursuant to section 610.021 subsection (14) and 620.010.14 subsection (7) RSMo for the purpose of discussing investigative reports and/or complaints and/or audits and/or other information pertaining to the licensee or applicant section 610.021 subsection (1) RSMo for the purpose of discussing general legal action, causes of action or litigation and any confidential or privileged communication between this agency and its attorney, and for the purpose of reviewing and approving closed meeting minutes of one or more previous meetings under the subsection 610.021 RSMo which authorizes this agency

to go into closed session during those meetings.. Board members voting aye: Mr. Fitterling, Ms. Standley, and Ms. Brodecker. Motion carried unanimously.

At 12:43 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Brodecker and seconded by Ms. Standley to convene in open session. Board members voting aye: Mr. Fitterling, Mr. Nelson, Ms. Standley, and Ms. Brodecker. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Standley and seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve the open session agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Brodecker and seconded by Mr. Nelson to approve the open session minutes of the March 16, 2008 board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Renate Brodecker Mentorship Application

Ms. Brodecker recused herself from the discussion and recommendation. The board recommended Ms. Brodecker be approved as a mentor.

NCBTMB and Federation Information

The board reviewed the news releases from the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork and the Federation of State Massage Therapy Licensure Boards and instructed the executive director to draft a response to each organization.

First, the board determined that given the lack of information regarding the national examination for state licensure provided by NCBTMB, it could not accept the test at this time. Areas regarding statistical validation, development of the questions, scoring of the exam, difference between the NESL score and the certification score must be clarified by NCTMB. Furthermore, the board determined that the regulation must be amended upon acceptance of the NESL in the same manner as other national examinations accepted for licensure in Missouri.

The board instructed the executive director to send a letter to the Federation requesting that it amend the four page statement regarding the MBLEx offered through the federation to present a more positive and professional tone. A comparison of the MBLEx and certification exam was recommended as well as highlighting the difference between certification and a certification examination. Overall, the board perceived the letter as unnecessarily negative regarding prior acceptance of other examinations for licensure.

Meeting Schedule

The board scheduled a face-to-face meeting in Jefferson City for June 14th at 9 a.m.

At 1:07 p.m., a motion was made by Ms. Brodecker and seconded by Mr. Nelson to adjourn the conference call meeting. Board members voting aye: Mr. Fitterling, Ms. Standley, Ms. Brodecker, and Mr. Nelson. Motion carried unanimously.



Executive Director

Approved by Board on June 14, 2008