

**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation
Division of Professional Regulation
Massage Licensing Board**

Open Minutes

Meeting Date: March 15, 2010
Meeting Convened: 10:18 a.m.
Meeting Adjourned: 3:15 p.m.
Meeting Location: Springfield office, Room 376

Members Present: Rita A. Sax, Chairman
Cherie Monterastelli, Vice-Chairman
Patricia J Benjamin, Ph.D., Member
Thomas Braglia, Public Member
Susan Munshaw, Member

Members Absent: Robert A. Wiggins, Member

The members present constituted a quorum of the Board.

Staff Present: Mark Thompson, General Counsel (phone conference)
Kristine Gleason, Legal Affairs (phone conference)
Craig Cellini, Rules Coordinator
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

Guests Present: Maureen Mulhall, Government Consultant

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:18 a.m.

Rules Discussion: Ms. Gleason provided a draft amendment based on board discussion during the December 14, 2009 board meeting.

The Board continued discussion of the rules amendment for Part 1284 that includes a comprehensive review of all rules for the Massage Licensing Act.

Note: The rules are the original rules for this profession.

Legal affairs will prepare a revised draft amendment based on board discussion. Draft amendment will be presented at next business meeting for continued discussion.

Legislation: HB4660 – Ms. Mulhall stated that this bill would allow massage therapist applicants to practice pending licensure. Ms. Mulhall explained that no one in the massage community is generally supportive of a provision allowing practice pending licensure.

SB3509 – Ms. Mulhall stated that this bill requires people with direct patient contact to wear a name tag showing his or her licensing act. It also requires unlicensed individuals to wear name tags showing that they do not hold a license. Ms. Mulhall mentioned this bill in reference to SB318.

Legislation: HB3010 – Ms. Mulhall stated that she received a phone call from staff regarding an amendment to HB3010. The amendment would have extended the sunset date for the Massage Therapist Licensing Act for another ten years. Ms. Mulhall explained that the bill was not from the American Massage Therapy Association and that the AMTA would probably not support the amendment. She further explained that AMTA had just started discussions regarding things that might be changed in the Act.

Note: The Regulatory Sunset Act provides for the repeal of the Massage Licensing Act on January 1, 2012.

Exams: The Board discussed what exams are approved by the Department in relation to board action sheet 100665.

Break: There was a break between 12:45 p.m. and 1:35 p.m.

Board Review: **Massage Therapist CE Sponsor – Section 1284.90**

The Board recommended that (1) application be approved for registration as a continuing education sponsor (Action Sheet 100657).

Massage Therapist - Section 1284.30

The Board recommended that (5) applications be approved for licensure as a massage therapist (Action Sheets 100658-100661 and 100663).

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The Board recommended that (2) applications be deferred (Action Sheets 100664-100665).

Massage Therapist – Section 1284.40

The Board recommended that (1) application be approved for licensure as a massage therapist (Action Sheets 100662).

Signatures: Board affixed their signatures to the Action Sheets.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.