

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

**Open Minutes**

Meeting Date: December 14, 2009  
Meeting Convened: 10:32 a.m.  
Meeting Adjourned: 3:54 p.m.  
Meeting Location: Chicago office, Room 171-C

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  
Kristine Gleason, Legal Affairs  
Matthew Rupsis, Legal Affairs  
Todd Robertson, Board Liaison

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m.

Chairman Time: Ms. Sax asked if there was any additional information regarding a member being appointed to fill the board vacancy. Mr. Robertson responded that no additional information was available at this time.

Ms. Sax advised that there is a current bill that would allow an individual to practice as a massage therapist before receiving their massage therapist license. Mr. Robertson stated it was HB 4660. A discussion ensued relative to this matter and the Board unanimously agreed that it was a bad bill. It was decided that more information was needed regarding the current status of the bill. It was also decided that Ms. Sax would prepare a letter to the Director on behalf of the Board explaining that the Board opposed the bill and the reasons why.

Board Minutes: Motion was made, seconded (Monterastelli/Benjamin) to approve the September 14, 2009 open minutes as read. Motion carried.

Closed Session: Motion was made, seconded (Munshaw/Braglia) to close the session pursuant to Section 2(c)(15) of the Open Meetings Act.

Roll Call: Ms. Sax – Yes                      Ms. Monterastelli – Yes  
Ms. Benjamin – Yes                      Mr. Braglia – Yes  
Ms. Munshaw – Yes

Motion Carried. Session closed at 11:03 a.m.

## **Closed Minutes**

Motion was made, seconded (Monterastelli/Benjamin) to approve the September 14, 2009 closed minutes as read. Motion carried.

Open Session: The session opened by voice vote at 11:05 a.m.

Rules Discussion: Mr. Thompson advised that the Board should identify any problems in the current rules or note any industry changes that would require a rules change.

Mr. Thompson stated that a Sunset bill should be introduced in January 2011.

The Board continued rules discussion from September 14, 2009 board meeting.

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

Break: There was a break between 1:10 a.m. and 1:57 a.m.

Board Review: **Massage Therapist - Section 1284.30**

Board recommended that (18) applications be approved for licensure as a massage therapist (Action Sheets 093563-093580).

Board recommended that (1) application be deferred (Action Sheet 093581).

**Massage Therapist – Section 1284.40**

Board recommended that (3) applications be approved for licensure as a massage therapist (Action Sheets 093582-093584).

**Massage Therapist CE Sponsor – Section 1284.90**

Board recommended that (2) applications be approved for registration as a continuing education sponsor (Action Sheets 093585-093586).

Signatures: Board affixed their signatures to the Action Sheets.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.