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## Arizona State Board of Massage Therapy

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Dennis Beye, LMT, Susan Pomfret, LMT, Craig Runbeck, NMD, Executive Director

### *Minutes* BOARD MEETING

March 23, 2009 10:00 a.m.  
1400 West Washington St, B1  
Phoenix, AZ 85007

#### 1. Call to Order by Presiding Officer

Mr. Beye, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

A. Roll call of Board members was done to establish a quorum to conduct the meeting.

Board Members present: Dennis Beye, Chair, LMT  
Susan Pomfret, Vice Chair, LMT  
John Ortega, Secretary, Public Member  
Jennifer Coomes, Massage Therapist

Board Members absent: Nancy Gath, Public Member (resigned)

B. Acknowledgement of new board members.

1. Dr. Runbeck presented the Certificate and the Oath to Loyalty to Ms. Coomes.

C. Acknowledgement of presence of Board staff and legal counsel.

Assistant Attorney General: Elizabeth Campbell

Board Staff present: Dr. Craig Runbeck, Executive Director  
Stan Conger, Investigations  
Ellen Boyd, Licensing Administrator

Board Staff absent: Mr. Rob Wilson, Deputy Director

#### 2. Call to the Public.

Dr. Runbeck announced the death of Ms. Wilson, Mr. Rob Wilson’s wife.

#### 3. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action of Consent Agenda *(Any item under consent may be removed for independent discussion and action by a Board Member.)*

A. Approval of Minutes: March 23, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes.

B. Approval of Massage Therapy Applications: November and December - 235 applicants

**MOTION:** Ms. Pomfret moved to approve the minutes and consent agenda as listed on the agenda.  
Mr. Ortega seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** The Motion Passed 4 ayes, 0 no

**4. Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action of Regulatory Matters**

A. Formal Hearing

None

B. Formal Interview

None

C. Consent Agreements (Mr. Beye moved to address these before the investigations)

1. Eric Pierson – Case #08-08115

Ms. Campbell addressed the board concerning the consent agreement.

Mr. Scott Schuman addressed the board on Mr. Pierson's behalf.

Ms. Pomfret made a motion to accept the consent agreement.

Mr. Ortega seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

2. Corey Richason – Case #06-135

Ms. Campbell summarized the case and reviewed the consent agreement.

The board questioned Mr. Richason.

The complainant addressed board.

The complainant's council, Ty Caber, addressed Board.

Ms. Pomfret made a motion to accept the consent agreement.

Mr. Ortega seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes – Mr. Beye, Ms. Pomfret, Mr. Ortega

Nays – Ms. Coomes

Mr. Beye called for a break at 10:50.

Meeting reconvened at 10:55.

D. Board Review – Investigations

1. Milton Adakai Case #08-117

Mr. Conger summarized the case.

Ms. Pomfret made a motion to move the case to a formal interview.

Ms. Coomes seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes – 4

Nays - 0

2. Morgan Tindall – Case #08-112

Mr. Conger summarized the case.

Ms. Pomfret made a motion to move the case to a formal interview.

Mr. Ortega seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

3. Robert Ochoa, Jr. – Case #08-113

Mr. Conger summarized the case.

Ms. Pomfret made a motion to move the case to a formal hearing.

Mr. Ortega seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

4. Koreana Moulin – Case #08-116

Mr. Conger summarized the case.

Mr. Ronald Harris addressed the board on Ms. Moulin's behalf

Ms. Pomfret made a motion to move the case to a formal hearing with the authorization to negotiate a consent agreement.

Ms. Coomes seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

5. Jon Ralston – Case #08-101

Mr. Conger summarized the case.

Mr. Charles Lagattuta addressed the board on Mr. Ralston's behalf

Mr. Ortega made a motion to move the case to a formal interview with the authorization to negotiate a consent agreement.

Ms. Pomfret seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

6. Yuqin Wang – Case #08-109

Mr. Conger summarized the case.

Mr. Paul Rybarsyk addressed the board on Ms. Wang's behalf.

Ms. Coomes made a motion to move the case to a formal hearing with the authorization to negotiate a consent agreement.

Ms. Pomfret seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

7. Yuan Matthew – Case #08-108

Mr. Conger summarized the case.

Ms. Pomfret made a motion to move the case to a formal hearing with the authorization to negotiate a consent agreement.

Mr. Ortega seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

E. Board Review – Application

None

**5. Discussion and Consideration and Possible Action on Administrative Matters**

A. Massage License Status Report

Dr. Runbeck updated the board on the license status to date.

Active: 9176

Denied: 20

Pending: 203

Voluntarily Surrendered: 6

Revoked: 7

Closed – App withdrawn and failed to qualify: 124

Closed – Expired (non-renewal): 2850

B. Report on alleged violations by unlicensed persons.

1. Ashley Leidig 2/23/09
2. Elayn Glana 2/28/09
3. Andrea Ybarra 3/3/09
4. J. J. Denham 2/9/09

Mr. Conger reported three of the above persons have consented to stop operating as LMT's. One has yet to answer.

C. Discussion and Consideration of Administrative Matters and Legislative Updates

1. Dr. Runbeck addressed the board concerning the budget.

2. Joining the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards.

Mr. Beye addressed the board.

Ms. Pomfret made a motion to join the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards.

Ms. Coomes seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes – 4

Nays – 0

3. Discussion concerning the MBLEX exam.

Dr. Runbeck will obtain information for the board regarding the exam.

4. Resignation of Nancy Gath.

Acknowledgement was made. Dr. Runbeck has advised the Governor's office of the opening for a board member.

The next scheduled meeting is June 22, 2009

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm

ADJOURNMENT