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Paulina Vazquez-Morris, Public Member; Craig Runbeck, NMD, Executive Director

Minutes

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

November 24, 2003, 2:00 p.m.
Basement Conference Room B1
1400 West Washington St
Phoenix, AZ 85007

1. Call to Order by Presiding Officer

A. Roll call of Board members and establishment of a quorum to conduct meeting. The Meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM By Dr. Craig Runbeck (acting Chair, until interim officers were elected later in the meeting).

Present: Mr. David Falkow, Ms. Lori Green, Mr. Daniel Vasquez, Ms. Mara Concordia, joined the meeting at 2:06, Ms. Paulina Vazquez-Morris joined the meeting at 3:10.

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

Present: Dr. Craig Runbeck: Executive Director, Ms. Paula Brierly: Deputy Director, Ms. Nancy Beck: Assistant Attorney General, Ms. Gail Anthony: Licensing Administrator.

2. Call to the Public

Ms. Liz Ligon, from Phoenix College, representing the Council of Massage Therapy Educators, introduced herself and briefly addressed the Board. Ms. Ligon offered help and support the Board from the council.

3. Discussion and consideration of Consent Agenda

A. **Approval of Minutes: September 5th, 2003 (with suggested changes made)**
After discussion and consideration by the Board, Ms. Green moved to accept the minutes of September 5th: Second by Ms. Concordia, Motion Carried.

B. **Approval of Minutes: October 27, 2003**

After discussion and consideration by the Board, Ms. Green moved to accept the minutes of October 27th: Second by Mr. Vasquez. Motion Carried

4. Discussion and Consideration of Administrative and Procedural Matters

Item (3) the election of interim officers was moved in front of item (1).

The following offices will be held until the Election of officers at the January 26th Board Meeting.

Ms. Green made a motion to nominate Ms. Mara Concordia as interim Chairman: Second by Mr. Vasquez, Motion carried.

Ms. Green made a motion to nominate Mr. Vasquez as Vice Chairman, Mr. Vasquez declined the nomination.

Ms. Green made a motion to nominate Mr. Falkow as Vice Chairman: Second by Mr. Vasquez, Motion carried.

(1) Legislation / Rules Update

Dr. Craig Runbeck presented the legislation update to the Board. Dr. Runbeck informed the Board that Senator Allen had agreed to sponsor the bill. Dr. Runbeck also informed the Board that the only changes that occurred in the legislation package that the Board members addresses in the last meeting was to language on 32-4225; the added language was: when an initial license is approved, the Board may issue a pro-rated license for a period of 6 – 24 months. This language was added to give the Board the latitude it needed to spread out the work load on administrative staff. Also added was: a licensee is not required to complete Continuing Medical Education during the initial licensing period.

After discussion by the Board, Ms. Green moved to go into Executive session for legal advice; Second by Mr. Falkow, Motion carried.

Regular session began again at 2:42.

At 2:45 there was a short recess called.

The meeting returned to regular session at 2:47

Dr. Runbeck suggested the Board insert language under 32-4228: to the effect, that the school in another state would have to achieve regular approval (non-temporary approval) from the Private Post Secondary Education, or that states version of Private Post Secondary Education to be considered as accredited by this state.

After discussion and consideration by the Board, Mr. Vasquez moved to approve the proposed legislation package with the changes: Second by Mr. Falkow. Motion Carried.

Under R4-15-101 16 (a) Self Supportive. The Board discussed the possibilities of what the definition of Self Supportive would be, and how the applicant could show proof of being self supportive as a massage therapist. The Board agreed that the applicant should use US or State tax return documentation to show proof of self supportive. It was also discussed that the Board needs to give guidance to the applicant on the application form as to what is accepted as US or State tax return documentation.

After discussion and consideration by the Board, Mr. Vasquez moved to approve the proposed rules package with the changes: Second by Mr. Falkow. Motion Carried.

(2) Formation of a licensing test review subcommittee.

Dr. Runbeck informed the Board that he has become aware of some strongly held beliefs by some people that the national certification exam may not be the best test, and given that view, Dr. Runbeck suggests that the Board form a study committee to take a look into the issue. For now, the Board will be utilizing the national test. Dr. Runbeck suggested that a 5 member subcommittee be formed. On the subcommittee Board, there would be a member of the private education establishment and the public education establishment, a member of the Arizona Massage Therapy Association, a member of the Arizona Massage Board, and himself. After discussion and consideration, the Board agreed to accept the creation of the subcommittee. The Board will address the issue of appointing subcommittee members at a later date.

**(3) Election of interim officers
This was moved ahead of item one.**

(4) Announcement of the reappointment of Board Member Mr. David Falkow

Dr. Runbeck announced that Mr. Falkow was re-appointed by the Governor's Office to a 5 year term.

5. Discussion and consideration of Correspondence and Questions for the Board.

A. Correspondence from Council of Massage Therapy Educators

No action was needed on this item.

Ms. Greene made a motion to adjourn the meeting: Second by Mr. Falkow. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 PM.

Date this _____ day of _____
Arizona Board of Massage Therapy

Signed: _____