

**MINUTES**  
**South Carolina Massage Therapy/Bodywork Panel**  
**Panel Meeting**  
**10:00 A.M., November 2, 2007**  
**Synergy Business Park**  
**Kingstree Building**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 111**  
**Columbia, South Carolina**

Carolyn Porter, chairman, of Greenville, called the regular meeting of the SC Massage Therapy/Bodywork Panel to order at 10:00 a.m. Other members present for the meeting included: Lou Hastings, of Travelers Rest; Linda Pearson of Spartanburg; Janet Shaw, of West Columbia; and Charles Stricklin, Sr., of Charleston.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Randall Bryant, Assistant Deputy Director; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; Lisa Hawsey, Program Assistant; Eddie Jones, Administrator; and Krystal McFadden, Administrative Specialist.

**Meeting Called to Order**

Mrs. Porter announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S. C. Massage Therapy/Bodywork Panel office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Invocation**

All present bowed their heads in a moment of silent prayer.

**Approval of Excused Absences**

All panel members were present.

**Approval of the June 2, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION**

Ms. Pearson moved the Panel approve the minutes of the June 2, 2006 meeting as presented. Mr. Stricklin seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Chairman's Remarks – Carolyn Porter**

*Introduction of New Panel Members*

Mrs. Porter introduced the new members of the Panel. Ms. Shaw, Mr. Hastings and Mr. Stricklin as well as Mrs. Porter and Ms. Pearson gave brief professional backgrounds.

*Recognition of LLR Speakers*

Mrs. Porter recognized all individuals who would be speaking during the meeting.

**Administrator's Remarks, For Information – Eddie Jones**

*Advisory Opinions, If Needed, Office of General Counsel*

*Legislative Update, If Needed, Legislative Liaison Office*

There were no advisory opinions or legislative update for this meeting.

Mr. Bryant introduced staff and briefed the new members on the agency's structure.

*Approval of Investigative Report*

The Panel deferred the report to executive session.

*LLR Website – Krystal McFadden*

Ms. McFadden briefed the Panel on the website; however, staff was unable to connect the web page. Staff will make this presentation during the next meeting.

Mrs. Porter recognized Lisa Hawsey and thanked her for her hard work.

Mr. Jones welcomed the members to the meeting. He went on to say staff would schedule the new members obtain identification cards.

**New Business**

1. Approval of Consent Agreement – Case #2006-005, 2006-12

**MOTION**

Mr. Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Ms. Pearson and unanimously carried, that the Panel accept the consent agreement as presented.

2. Approval of Eligibility for Licensure

*a. Paula Schumpert*

Paula Schumpert is seeking licensure as a massage therapist in South Carolina and has submitted documentation for the Panel's review. Ms. Schumpert informed staff via electronic mail that she would not be attending the meeting.

*b. Esther Miller*

Esther Miller is seeking licensure in South Carolina and has submitted documentation for the Panel's review. Ms. Miller answered 'yes' to a question on the application and appeared before the Panel to explain the circumstances and to answer questions from the Panel members.

The Panel deferred this matter to executive session.

3. Information on FSMTB Exam – Linda Pearson

Ms. Pearson stated the exam was created for the profession by the profession; however, it does not take the place of the national exam. She noted the Panel supports both the national exam and the FSMTB exam.

Ms. Pearson stated the FSMTB website is under construction; however, it is partially running. She noted the home page was launched on October 15, 2007 and is now available. She went on to say the web address to schedule an exam is [www.pearsonvue.com/fsmtb](http://www.pearsonvue.com/fsmtb) and the customer service phone number is 1-888-70FSMTB (1-888-703-7682). She said customer assistance is available from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. central time.

Ms. Pearson stated the web page states the exam cost (\$195) and that there are no study guides. She said the exam is scored on a scale with a range of 300 to 900 and the passing score is 630. She noted of the states that have adopted the exam, there is no longer reciprocity, but transfer of license. She further stated there are currently six states which have

adopted the Massage/Bodywork License Exam (MBLEX) exam and that those states are Arkansas, Texas, Iowa, Oregon South Dakota, and South Carolina. She also stated the South Carolina test sites are Greenville, Charleston and Columbia.

Mrs. Porter stated she had been questioned if massage therapists are allowed to work in chiropractic offices. She went on to say apparently some chiropractors are allowing individuals who are not massage therapists to work in their office. She said there is a fine line in the chiropractic statute that allows chiropractors to do anything in that office; however, the massage therapist statute states that they cannot conduct massage therapy acting as a massage therapist. She said she would contact the chairman of the Chiropractic Board to see if that Board would handle the matter instead of this Panel.

### **Public Comments**

Linda Beach questioned the Panel in regard to reduction in licensure fees. Mrs. Porter stated the panel had asked for a \$50 reduction in fees two years ago and received a \$25 reduction in fees.

Ms. Pearson asked that a budget review be placed on the next agenda.

### **Executive Session**

#### **MOTION**

Ms. Pearson moved the Panel enter executive session. Mr. Hastings seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

### **Return to Public Session**

#### **MOTION**

Ms. Pearson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Stricklin and unanimously carried, the Panel return to public session.

Mrs. Porter noted for the record that no motions were offered or made during executive session.

*Esther Miller*

#### **MOTION**

Ms. Pearson moved the Panel issue a massage therapy license to Ms. Miller, that the license be place in probation until June 30, 2009, that Ms. Miller submit a SLED report to staff in June 2008 and June 2009, and that she notify the panel immediately of any change of address and change of employment. Ms. Shaw seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Ms. Pearson noted that after reviewing Ms. Schumpert's documentation the Panel tabled discussion and vote on the matter until such time she appears before the Panel.

### **Adjournment**

#### **MOTION**

There being no further business to be discussed at this time, Mr. Stricklin moved the meeting be adjourned. Ms. Shaw seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

The November 2, 2007 meeting of the SC Massage Therapy/Bodywork Panel adjourned at 12:10 p.m.