

MINUTES
South Carolina Massage Therapy/Bodywork Panel
Conference Call Meeting
2:05 P.M., June 27, 2008
Synergy Business Park
Kingstree Building
110 Centerview Drive, Conference Room 111
Columbia, South Carolina

Meeting Called to Order

Carolyn Porter, chairman, of Greenville, called the regular meeting of the SC Massage Therapy/Bodywork Panel to order at 10:15 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, of Charleston.

Staff members participating during the meeting included: Sharon Dantzler, Deputy General Counsel; Sandra Dickert, Administrative Assistant; Lisa Hawsey, Program Assistant; and Eddie Jones, Administrator.

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.

Unfinished Business

Approval of Application

Marysue Janice Zimmerman

Mrs. Porter stated Ms. Zimmerman appeared before the panel during the June 6, 2008 meeting at which time she testified that she has been practicing massage therapy for approximately twenty years. She also testified that she had been taught by studying books and studied under a mentor. She passed the national exam; however, individuals who have not completed formal education in massage therapy but who have completed continuing education may take the national exam. One individual, who is also a licensed massage therapist, spoke on Ms. Zimmerman's behalf at that time.

Mrs. Porter stated she has spoken with individuals in Georgia, Arizona, Ohio and one other state who have stated that those states would not allow an individual with no formal training to become licensed in those states.

Mrs. Porter stated the panel could suggest that Ms. Zimmerman contact massage therapy schools to research the number of hours she would be required to take to meet the 500 hour requirement based on her experience and continuing education classes she has taken. Mr. Hastings noted the panel may want to advise Ms. Zimmerman that the classroom training does not have to be in a South Carolina school but can be obtained from a school in Virginia.

MOTION

Mr. Stricklin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hastings and unanimously carried, that the panel deny Ms. Zimmerman's license until such time as she receives a 500 hour certificate.

Adjournment

MOTION

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

The June 27, 2008 conference call meeting of the Massage Therapy/Bodywork Panel adjourned at 2:17 p.m.