

South Carolina Massage/Bodywork Therapy Panel Meeting

Agenda

November 6, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Via Teleconference

1. Meeting Called to Order

- a. Public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the SC Massage/Bodywork Therapy 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. In accordance with the Governor's directives regarding social distancing, the meeting was held via teleconference.
- b. Rules of the Meeting

2. Introduction of Panel Members

Chairperson Janet Shaw called the meeting of the S.C. Massage/Bodywork Panel to order at 9:37 a.m. Other Panel members/staff participating in the meeting included:

- Gloria Smith
- Jennifer Griffitt
- Jenny Vaughn
- Mary L. Kelley
- Stacey Hewson, Advice Counsel
- Theresa Brown, Administrator
- Patrice Deas, Staff
- Shannon Beaudry, Staff
- Rodney Pigford, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
- Megan Flannery, Office of Disciplinary Counsel
- Sean Cary, Court Reporter

3. Approval of Excused Absences

Denise Van Nostran was absent from the meeting.

4. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Vaughn seconded the motion and it carried.

**5. Approval of Meeting Minutes:
September 18, 2020**

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 18, 2020 meeting. Ms. Vaughn seconded the motion and it carried.

September 25, 2020

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2020 meeting. Ms. Vaughn seconded the motion and it carried.

6. Chairperson's Remarks – Janet Shaw

Ms. Shaw first asked Ms. Brown what the status is regarding the FSMTB database. Ms. Brown stated that the agency is still working on it and have sought more information from FSMTB.

Ms. Shaw also provided a status update on the statute revisions. She stated there was a special called meeting to review the latest revisions to the statute. Debra Gallup indicated to Ms. Shaw that the revisions are being reviewed for final approval to be sent to the House and the Senate.

7. Administrator's Remarks – Theresa Brown

- a. **Budget** – For Information – The budget was presented for informational purposes only.
- b. **IRC Report** – Rodney Pigford – For Approval – The IRC Report is dated for the October 13, 2020 IRC

meeting. There was 1 case for Dismissal, 1 case for Dismissal – Cease and Desist, and 1 case for Letter of Caution, for a total of 3 cases.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the IRC Report. Ms. Griffitt seconded the motion and it carried.

- c. **OIE Report** – Rodney Pigford – For Information Only –The report was prepared on October 29, 2020. In 2019, there were 52 cases. There are 5 cases from 2019 that are pending criminal court action so OIE must wait for the disposition of those cases to proceed with their investigations. Since January 2020, there have been 28 cases opened, 4 of which are still active.
- d. **ODC Report** – Megan Flannery – For Information Only – As of October 28, 2020, there are 3 Open Cases, 3 Cases Pending Actions, 1 Case Pending Consent Agreement/Memorandum of Agreement, and 2 Cases Pending Hearings. There has been 1 Case closed since August 12, 2020.

8. New Business

a. Consideration of Licensure

i. Iona Sass

This hearing was to determine whether Ms. Sass should be granted licensure with a criminal background.

Ms. Sass explained the background of her criminal charges and answered questions from the Panel.

Ms. Smith made a motion to go into executive session. Ms. Vaughn seconded the motion and it carried.

Ms. Smith made a motion to come out of executive session. Ms. Vaughn seconded the motion and it carried. No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

The Panel had additional questions for Ms. Sass pertaining to her plans after receiving her license. She stated that she plans to reinstate her Nail Technician license in addition to obtaining her massage license then move to another state to operate a mobile salon/massage business.

The Panel also had additional questions about her criminal charges and what she is doing to improve herself.

Ms. Smith made a motion to go back into executive session. Ms. Vaughn seconded the motion and it carried.

Ms. Kelley made a motion to come out of executive session. Ms. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. No motions were made or votes taken during executive session.

Ms. Smith made a motion to grant Iona Sass her massage therapist license. Ms. Kelley seconded the motion and it carried.

b. Ratification of FSMTB Annual Meeting Attendance and Delegate Authority

Ms. Brown stated that at the last Massage Panel meeting, staff forgot to add on the agenda to vote for a delegate for the FSMTB annual meeting. Ms. Brown then told Ms. Shaw that it was okay for her to attend the meeting as the delegate, which she did virtually. The Massage Panel now needs to ratify the approval of Ms. Shaw as the delegate.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve Jan Shaw as the delegate for the FSMTB annual meeting. Ms. Griffitt seconded the motion and it carried.

c. Consideration of IRC Members

Ms. Brown stated that Debbie Banker, longtime IRC member, has resigned because she is moving. Ms. Brown asked the Panel to recommend some names for possible new IRC members.

Ms. Smith recommended Brent Jackson and Bev Gunter and would provide details to Ms. Brown.

The rest of the Panel stated they would think of names and submit them to Ms. Brown.

d. Panel Member Elections

Ms. Brown stated that the Panel needs to vote on who should be chair and vice chair for 2021.

Ms. Kelley made a motion to approve Jan Shaw as the chair for 2021. Ms. Smith and Ms. Vaughn seconded the motion and it carried.

Ms. Kelley made a motion to approve Denise Van Nostran as vice chair for 2021. Ms. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

9. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, Jennifer Griffitt announced that she will be stepping down as a Panel member as she is moving. She thanked everyone and stated it was a pleasure to serve on the Panel. Everyone thanked her for her service and stated they will miss her.

Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. Ms. Griffitt seconded the motion and it carried.

The next meeting of the SC Massage/Bodywork Therapy Panel is scheduled for February 5, 2021.