

**AGENDA**  
**South Carolina Massage/Bodywork Therapy Panel**  
**Task Force Meeting**  
**April 6, 2018 9:00 a.m.**  
**Synergy Business Park**  
**Kingstree Building, Conference Room 202-02**  
**110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, SC 29210**

**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.

**2. Review of Massage/Bodywork Panel Statute for Proposed Recommendation of Establishment Licensure and Criteria**

Chairperson Janet Shaw called the task force meeting of the S.C. Massage/Bodywork Therapy Panel to order. Other task force members/staff participating in the meeting included:

- Georgia Lewis, Advice Counsel (LLR)
- Shalon Genwright, Staff (LLR)
- Theresa Brown, Board Administrator (LLR)
- Anthony Ruggiero, Panel Member
- Jennifer Stillwell, Office of Investigations and Enforcement
- Eric Thompson, Office of Investigations and Enforcement (LLR)
- Lane Goodwin, Commission on Higher Education (left at 11:50 a.m.)
- Denise Van Nostran, Panel Member (via telephone)

This is the fifth meeting to create guidelines for establishment regulation.

The recently drafted bill had been inserted into the previous task force's updated statute for review.

The initial discussion was based on inspections. There will be no prior notices given for inspections and with massage establishments that are already in place, the possibility of inspections falling through the cracks is very small.

There will be a section inserted into the statute above section 40-30-180 on periodic inspections. It should state in subsection 'A' that the Board may make periodic inspections of all licensed massage establishments.

The statute should not be too definitive to prevent the Panel from opening up the statute in the future. Further explanation may also be given the regulations. Inspections will be conducted based on routine inspections, complaints, and follow-up inspections. The establishment license will give a better overview of what is going on in the industry.

Massage Therapists that are renting a space will have to have an establishment license. This includes those working inside of a salon.

Rating cards were discussed for massage establishments, which will be up to the Panel. It has previously been an issue with other boards. Any issues that the establishment would have would be documented and could be obtained through a FOIA request. For salons and barbershops, a copy of their most recent inspection has to be posted in a conspicuous place for the public to be able to view. This may be a requirement for massage establishments as well.

Fines need to be discussed with regards to letters of caution, warnings, citations, number of previous violations, severity of the violations, frequency of the violations, and the time that it takes to correct the violations stated. There will be repeat offenders. The inspectors must be armed with the standards set forth by the Panel in order to enforce the statute/regulations.

Citation authority needs to be in the statute. This may happen in the course of an inspection. The basis is that they may appeal the citation within ten (10) business days and have a hearing with the Panel.

Unlicensed practice would be a major issue.

The word 'bodywork' was taken out of the statute. If it is kept, then it must be defined. The 'Panel' would also change to 'Board'. The Panel needs to be listed in the statute.

Definitions were reviewed. The discussion of professional in charge or manager in charge came about again.

The following terms must be incorporated into the statute: 'bodywork', 'massage', 'massage therapy', 'massage practitioner', 'massagist', 'masseur', 'masseuse', or other words identified by the panel in regulation.

Verbiage needs to be flushed out from Ms. Theresa Brown in sections 40-30-180 and 40-30-150.

3. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.