

**Department of Financial and Professional Regulation**  
**Division of Professional Regulation**  
**Illinois Massage Licensing Board**

**Open Minutes**

**Date:** February 26, 2018

**Location:** IDFPR-Chicago Office – 9-171A

**Convened:** Open Session 11:00 a.m.

**Adjourned:** Open Session 2:10 p.m.

**Members Present:** Linda Moore, Chairperson  
Emmanuel Bistas, Member  
Debbie Roberts, Member  
Karen Heyden, Member

**Members Not Present:** Cynthia Javurek, Member  
Janie Swofford, Vice Chairperson

**Staff:** Isabella Janusz, General Counsel  
Diane Green, Board Liaison  
Mary Meehan, Staff Attorney – Prosecutions

**Guest:** Connie Stratton, AMTA  
Mike Hovi, AMTA  
Alex George, Owner of Marco Polo  
Steve Rogne, Director of Zen Shiatsu

**Open Session:** The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. and roll call was taken. Those in attendance constitute a quorum. Motion was taken and meeting went into Closed Session. Motion by Emmanuel Bistas: Moved to go into Closed Session at 11:02 p.m. Pursuant to Section 2(C) (4) (15) and (21) of the Open Meeting Act. Second (Moore) and carried by all Board Members without dissent. Roll call vote for Board Members was taken to go into Closed Session.

**Announcements, Correspondence:** None

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** Motion by Linda Moore: Motion to approve the Open Minutes of the November 6, 2017 meeting minutes. Second by (Roberts) and carried without dissent.

**Old Business:** **Rule** – Board reviewed and discussed the Rule changes. Isabella Janusz, Staff Attorney, will make additional changes and bring to May meeting for the Board to review.

**Human Trafficking** – the FSMTB Human Trafficking Task Force Report was discussed. In addition, HB4350 was discussed which amends the Human trafficking resource Center Notice Act. National Human Trafficking Hotline handout was put in the Boards packets.

**New Business:** **New Business to discuss:**

**Continuing Education** - Discussion on the Continuing Education Certificates. CE Providers are not putting the required information as outlined in the Illinois Rules. This is a burden for our licensing unit especially after a renewal.

**FSMTB MBLEX Content** – As of July 1, 2018 the MBLEX examination content will change.

**Legislation Discussion** – SB2329 Amends the Massage Licensing Act. Defined “sexual misconduct”. In addition, Board Liaison gave summary of new legislation being tracked by FSMTB.

**Annual FSMTB Meeting.** Motion by Karen Heyden: Motion to recommend to the Secretary to send Emmanuel Bistas to the October 4-6, 2018 FSMTB Annual Meeting. IDFPR Staff will request permission and setup travel arrangements for Mr. Bistas when more information comes out in July. Second by (Roberts) and carried without dissent.

**Renewal Form** – Board Liaison requested that the Renewal instructions be changed regarding Continuing Education (CE) to just read under Approved Continued Education (CE) #4. Completion of 24 hours of continuing education between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2018. 12 of the 24 Hours MUST be LIVE in a classroom setting with an Instructor present, 2 of the 24 hours MUST be in Ethics. The remaining 12 can be in home-study, online or webinar. For more information on Continuing Education, please visit [www.IDFPR.com](http://www.IDFPR.com) and go to the Section 1284.90 Continuing Education under the Administrative Rules.

Motion by Emmanuel Bistas: Change the Massage Therapy renewal information on the 2018 renewal. Seconded by (Moore) and carried without dissent.

**Closed Session:**

A: Review of November 6, 2017 Closed Minutes

B: Application Review – School Director, Steve Ronge, Director of Zen Shiatsu requested to meet with the Board in Closed session.

C: The Board reviewed (1) deliberation and made recommendations to the Director.

**Open Session:**

Motion by Linda Moore: Move to come out of Closed Session at 12:02 p.m. Seconded by (Roberts) and carried without dissent. Motion by Emmanuel Bistas and Seconded by (Heyden) and carried without dissent to approve all recommendations to the Director made in closed session.

**Chairperson’s Time:**

None

**Board Liaison Time:**

Next meeting May 7, 2018 in the Springfield office at 11:00 a.m.  
Travel Vouchers  
Renewal - December 31, 2018

**Adjournment:**

Motion by Karen Heyden to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by (Bistas) and carried without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.