



# Oregon Board of Massage Therapists

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SPECIAL MEETING  
Wednesday, October 10, 2001  
Morrow Building  
Large Conference Room  
3218 Pringle Rd SE  
Salem, Oregon 97302

### Attendance

#### Board Members:

Lisa Oxman, L.M.T. (via telephone)  
Judy Basker, Public Member  
David Frostad, L.M.T.

#### Board Members Absent:

Michael Jordan, L.M.T.  
Jacqueline Kern, Public Member  
Stephanie Manriquez, L.M.T.  
(via telephone)

### Staff:

Bev Holzman, Executive Director  
John Pounds, Administrative Assistant

### Public:

Sue Fagin  
Leon Dunham; Lions Touch Massage  
Patty Glenn; Ashmead College

Siri Elliott; Ashmead College  
Jason Aguayo; Oregon School of Massage  
Nicolas Chrones; Lane Community College

- 1) Call to order  
The meeting was called to order by Chair Oxman at 10:20 AM
- 2) **Manriquez moved** to discontinue administration of the Oregon Board of Massage Therapist's written exam and accept passage of the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB) exam as meeting the written examination requirement, to become effective immediately.  
Before discussion Oxman asked if anyone wished to entertain a motion to limit the discussion. **Jordan moved** to limit the discussion to no more than five minutes. Manriquez seconded. **The motion carried unanimously.**  
Frostad: asked what is the nature of the current written exam that makes it important to change the exam today and for the Board to operate out of due process? Oxman stated she was aware the majority of the Board is in favor of voting in favor of the NCBTMB exam and that it would be counter-productive to the November meeting/retreat to delay the vote any longer. Frostad wanted to be sure the record reflected that Oxman said she had all of the votes. Oxman stated that is not what she said. Frostad stated the motion was made without checks and balances to protect the public and it is an act changing rule.  
Oxman stated there had been a lot of correspondence about this and opened the floor for comments from the public in attendance.  
Sue Fagin: asked how will the National affect reciprocity? Will the practical be continued? How will using the National benefit others? Oxman stated the practical would be continued, concerns about reciprocity and other questions would be discussed at the November retreat.

Leon Dunham: stated he is in favor of the National in lieu of the written but is concerned about the process of calling a special meeting. Feels it is another event the Board has created that alienates itself from the massage community. Dunham asked how he could get information from the Board before things happen so he can make recommendations. He wanted to know why Oxman did not answer Fagin's questions. Oxman stated that during public a person may ask questions but may not necessarily get answers. Dunham state he was concerned people were not provided enough opportunity for input. Oxman told Dunham he could ask to be placed on the notification list; Holzman stated his name was already on the list.

Patty Glenn: stated she is impressed with the changes made on the National in the last few years. She feels the practical is an important part of the Oregon licensure process and hopes that some of the time and energy previously directed toward the Board's written exam will be redirected to the practical.

Nicholas Chrones: stated he is in support of adopting the National and keeping the practical. He questioned why did this need to be effective immediately? Oxman said that had already been answered. Chrones had a few questions: What about those people preparing to take the January 2002 written exam? What about RN's who apply by indorsement? What about those who already have National exam status but not enough hours? Oxman stated the rules and laws already state what the academic requirements are and those will not change. Those who have already taken the National will still have to meet our hourly requirements. The National can be taken four days a week at different sites, including one in Springfield. Oxman stated his other concerns will be addressed at the retreat. Chrones expressed concern about the application process; Holzman stated the application process would have to be changed; and would include provision of transcripts to verify the number of academic hours, verification of passing the National, \$40 application fee and \$100 practical exam fee. There was some discussion on adding an Oregon law part to the exam. Washington has a preliminary section on Washington laws as part of the standard National exam.

Jacqueline Kern: expressed concern because the Board had not received a report from the exam committee. The exam committee has spent a great deal of time producing an Oregon exam that is final and ready to be administered. Kern is concerned that the Board continues in its duty to protect the public.

**Basker moved** for a five minute recess. Frostad seconded. Discussion followed. Jordan wished to provide his comments about the National. Basker withdrew her motion.

Michael Jordan: Those who have questions about the procedures for taking the National will need to contact the NCBTMB directly and follow their procedures. There is approximately a 4-6 week delay for the National to approve applications.

**Basker moved** for a five minute recess. Frostad seconded. **The motion carried.**

The meeting was recessed at 11:01 AM. The meeting was called back to session at 11:09 AM.

Holzman announced that when the meeting recessed it was discovered the audiotape had jammed and the meeting to this point was not on audiotape.

Judy Basker: expressed concern because the public in attendance at the meeting appeared to feel this was a hurried process and that the Board had not followed proper procedures. In the past few months Basker had asked for clarification as to what was "wrong" with the National and to date had never received a specific response.

Stephanie Manriquez: No discussion.

Oxman called for the vote. **The motion carried with one negative vote by Frostad.**

3) To consider for action at the November 2, 2001 board meeting the following: The Board will

accept verification of passage of the NCBTMB exam from xxxx forward as meeting the written examination requirement.

Jordan stated the current NCBTMB exam that is offered was first administered in July 1, 1998.

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- 4) Chair's request for Board Members to participate in the Executive Director's performance review.

Basker and Jordan offered to participate in the review. The members will take care to follow the rules regarding the number of board members that can be together without necessity of a public meeting notice.

**Frostad moved** to adjourn the meeting. Kern seconded. **The motion carried with no opposition.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.