



CAMTC Board of Directors Meeting

June 8, 2017

Hyatt Regency Los Angeles International Airport
6225 West Century Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90045
Meeting Room: Core 2-3

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Directors Present: *Ron Bates, Allison Budlong, Mark Dixon, Shana Faber, Jeff Forman, Heather Forshey, Michael Marylander, Stephany Powell, Dixie Wall*

Directors Absent: *Mike Callagy, Minouche Kandel, Raul Quezada*

Staff: *Ahmos Netanel, CEO; Sheryl LaFlamme, Operations Manager; Beverly May, Director of Governmental Affairs; Rick McElroy, Director of PSD; Joe Bob Smith, Director of ESD*

General Counsel: *Jill England*
Special Counsel: *Alison Siegel*

Guests: *James Specker, Laura Embleton, Keith Grant, Bernadette Murray*

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 9:38am and established a quorum.

Chairman Dixon reminded the Board of the rules of debate.

Chairman Dixon congratulated Jeff Forman on receiving AMTA-CA's Educator of the Year award and thanked him for his hard work in California.

2. Approval of Minutes from March 9, 2017

MOTION 06082017:1 Bates/Budlong – Move to approve the March 9, 2017 open session minutes.

7-0 MOTION PASSES

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Bates - Yes

Budlong - Yes
Callagy – Not Present for Vote
Faber - Yes
Forman – Yes
Forshey – Yes
Kandel – Not Present for Vote
Marylander – Not Present for Vote
Powell – Not Present for Vote
Quezada -Not Present for Vote
Wall – Yes
Dixon – Yes

The Board went into Closed Session with CAMTC Legal Counsel Pursuant to California Government Code section 11126(e) regarding pending litigation at 9:45am and returned to open session at 10:31am.

3. CEO Report

Mr. Netanel stated that Senator Janet Nguyen introduced two bills that would impact the Massage Therapy Act - SB 314 and SB 315. Mr. Netanel stated staff is fully engaged in ensuring that legislative changes are consistent with Business and Professions Code 4603 and CAMTC's mission.

Mr. Netanel stated that the FSMTB has adopted a new policy that will go in effect on July 1, 2017. FSMTB will require candidates seeking access to the MBLEx exam to substantiate either enrollment in and having received education and training in all subject areas of the MBLEx Content Outline from an approved massage therapy education program or graduation from an approved massage therapy education program. Mr. Netanel went on to say the FSMTB has defined an approved massage therapy education program as one that is approved or recognized by the state board or organization authorized to certify or license massage therapists in the state in which the school is located. Mr. Netanel also stated if in the event the massage therapy board/organization does not approve or recognize education programs, approval or recognition from the relevant state department of education or like agency/organization in the state in which the school is located, shall apply. In the event of a conflict between the state board/organization and department of education, the approval or recognition of the massage therapy board/organization shall prevail.

Mr. Netanel congratulated the board for having the foresight to create the Schools Advisory Committee. Mr. Netanel stated under the leadership of Dr. Jeff Forman, the committee is fully functional and in addition to addressing numerous school-related issues, is also evaluating CAMTC's school-related polices and is expected to submit its recommendations to the Board by September 1, 2017.

Mr. Netanel stated that the implementation of the new CAMS system didn't go as smoothly as expected, which has created tremendous pressure on staff. Mr. Netanel stated the new CAMS system is 80-85% complete and staff is constantly implementing new protocols to make processing more efficient.

Mr. Netanel went on to say a major upgrade to CAMTC's call center phone system was launched on May 1, 2017 to better serve callers. This upgrade has a lot of great features, including a new 'call-back' feature.

Mr. Netanel stated CAMTC brought in a new CFO on May 23, 2017 who will provide accounting and financial services to CAMTC on a contract basis.

Mr. Netanel stated a total of 51 resumes were received in response to the new position of a CAMTC Outreach Director. Mr. Netanel stated three candidates were invited for an in-person interview on June 1, 2017 and the selection will be made by the end of June 2017.

4. Schools Advisory Committee update and recommendations

Mr. Forman stated all members attended the June 7, 2017 Schools Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. Forman stated the committee went through CAMTC's school-related policies and will be submitting recommendations to the board in September.

5. Director of ESD Report

Mr. Smith stated there are now 85 schools with CAMTC-approved programs. Mr. Smith stated two new applications for school approval have been received since the last board meeting bringing the total number of applications received to 163.

6. Director of Governmental Affairs and Special Projects Report

Ms. May stated bill H.R. 1023 has been slowly working its way through Congress. The bill specifically focuses on massage establishments where owners and employees of massage establishments and therapeutic practices would be responsible for reporting allegations of sexual assault of clients to police, or face possible fines and prison time.

7. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Marylander stated 291 new applications were received during January 2017 compared with 430 applications received during January 2016. Mr. Marylander stated the number of active certificate holders has remained constant but is hard to see a true trend as only January 2017 data has been submitted.

8. Director of PSD Report

Mr. McElroy stated PSD continues to expand its outreach to law enforcement agencies by completing 89 trainings to over 289 officers so far this year. Mr. McElroy stated since the first

PSD training for law enforcement in 2014, he has met with over 400 agencies and 1,246 officers.

9. Minor clarification/consistency revisions to Employee Handbook

MOTION 06082017:2 Bates/Marylander– Move to accept clarifying changes to CAMTC’s Employee Handbook.

9-0 MOTION PASSES

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- Bates - Yes
- Budlong - Yes
- Callagy – Not Present for Vote
- Faber - Yes
- Forman – Yes
- Forshey – Yes
- Kandel – Not Present for Vote
- Marylander – Yes
- Powell – Yes
- Quezada -Not Present for Vote
- Wall – Yes
- Dixon – Yes

10. Public Comments Regarding Issues Not on this Agenda/Suggested Items for Future Meetings

The Board opened the floor for public comments.

Chairman Dixon adjourned the meeting at 1:34pm.

Minutes Approved: September 6, 2017

Allison Budlong, Secretary