

**MINUTES
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALL
March 5, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Ford, LMT, Chair, approximately 2:30 p.m. (EST) Those present for all or part of the meeting included the following:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Karen Ford, LMT, Chair
Bridget Burke-Wammack, LMT, V-Chair
Lydia Nixon, LMT
Lisa Oliver, Consumer Member

BOARD COUNSEL:

Lee Ann Gustafson, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General

STAFF PRESENT:

Anthony Jusevitch, Executive Director
Paula Mask, Program Operations Administrator

DEPARTMENT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY:

S. J. DiConcilio, Esquire
Assistant General Counsel

COURT REPORTER:

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Please note that the meeting minutes reflect the actual order agenda items were discussed during the meeting and may differ from the agenda outline.

1 **2012 Legislation**

2 **Tab 1 Continuing Education for Athletic Trainers and Massage Therapists**

- 3 • CS/SB 1258
4 • HB 4163

5 **Tab 2 Health Care Fraud**

- 6 • CS/CS/SB 208
7 • CS/CS/HB 653
8 • CS/CS/SB 1316

9 **Tab 3 Human Trafficking**

- 10 • SB 80
11 • HB 7049
12 • CS/SB 1880

13 **Tab 4 Motor Vehicle PIP Insurance**

- 14 • CS/CS/SB 1860
15 • SB 254
16 • CS/HB 119
17 • HB 523

- 1 The Chair presented a status report of each bill on the agenda. She noted CS/SB 1880 was to be
2 included in Tab 3, Human Trafficking.
- 3 The Board discussed the Motor Vehicle PIP Insurance legislation extensively.
- 4 **Action Taken:** After discussion by members, Ms. Nixon made a motion for the Chair to draft an
5 email to the Florida Legislature advising the Board does not support the removal of massage
6 therapy as a medical benefit of Personal Injury Protection as it places a limitation on Florida's
7 consumers to seek therapeutic remedies for injuries sustained in motor vehicular accidents.
8 Motion seconded by Ms. Burke-Wammack which carried unanimously 4/0.
- 9 The meeting adjourned approximately 3:16 p.m.