



# Oregon

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Exam Task Force Committee Meeting  
September 16, 2013  
University of Western States  
Hampton Hall Conference Room

### Attendance

#### Committee Members:

Kelley Rothenberger, Chair/Liaison  
Heather Bennouri, LMT  
Glenath Moyle, LMT  
Jenny Rock, LMT  
Peter Szucs, LMT

#### Board Members & Staff:

Kate Coffey, Executive Director  
Crystal Quatier, Exam Coordinator

**Public:** None in attendance

**CALL TO ORDER** – Kelley Rothenberger called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Present at time of introductions **Bennouri, Coffey, Moyle, Quatier, Rock, and Rothenberger.**

**Szucs** arrived at 7:50 pm and stated a potential conflict of interest.

**Quatier provided** brief explanation of the content of the booklet provided to each member of the committee – OBMT Model Curriculum, OBMT Candidate Handbook & Application, 2006 FSMTB JTA Survey Report, Public Comments, Examiner Training Outline, Practical Examination Review, Practical Examination Sample, and 2005-2012 OBMT Compliance Trends.

All members completed and signed non-disclosure agreements.

**Coffey explained** the reason for the Exam Task Force being created. This came after attending a meeting of the FSMTB and discussion of the risks associated with the written exam and the importance of the exams being psychometrically sound. Upon returning to Oregon there was a discovery that the Oregon Practical Examination has not been psychometrically evaluated as previously thought. A Psychometrician was sought to perform an analysis of the Oregon Practical Examination. However, it was discovered that they provide analysis of written exams and not practical exams. Debra Persinger of FSMTB reviewed the practical examination in January 2012 and made comments that are included in the packet. The Board then decided to create the practical examination task force.

**Bennouri added** that it was to compare the exam to some of the other materials out there that look at knowledge, skills and abilities needed for entry level practice for practitioners to be safe. Not in term of excellence but are they safe from a regulatory perspective to not cause harm to the public. In doing so, comparing our exam and not duplicating what is being tested on the written exam. Taking time to look at the actual skills as opposed to things that can be tested on the written exam. To create something that is equivalent no matter what type of massage, bodywork or other type of healing touch profession someone practices however they self-identify among those categories.

Per the May 14, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes the charge is below;

**o) Practical Exam – Collier moved** to keep the Oregon Practical Exam and to form a new Exam Task Force to review the exam with an emphasis on out of state passage rates, English as a second language and clarification of content and structure. **Second the Motion: Morin In favor: Bennouri, Calise, Chapman, Collier, McMillin, Morin and Fredrickson Opposed: None. Motion carries.**

Rothenberger excused the public and entered into Executive Session to discuss the Oregon Practical Examination at 7:28 pm.

**Public Comments:** None in attendance

**Homework assignments:**

Coffey	1) Obtain FSMTB JTA 2012 & NCBTMB JTA 2012
	2) Request statistics for compliance trends for AZ, NM
Bennouri	1) Request statistics for compliance trends for all other states (except AZ, NM)
Quatier	1) Email signed non-disclosure forms to Exam Task Force Members

Next meeting 6:30-9:00pm, October 28, 2013 – East West College of Healing Arts

Returned to public session at 9:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 pm