



BOARD MEETING UPDATES

The CAMTC Board held a virtual Board Meeting on December 10, 2020. Among the items addressed, the Board took action on two school-related issues.

Temporary Policy to Accept Interactive Distance Learning (IDL) Hours

The Board amended the Temporary Policy to Accept Interactive Distance Learning (IDL) Hours. These amendments have two primary effects:

• Expiration of Temporary Policy

The Board recognizes that schools must plan many months out and need time to transition from IDL back to in-person classes. Therefore, the newly adopted language states that this temporary policy will expire 90 days (instead of the previous 30 days) after the date that BOTH the State and the health department for the county in which the school is located allows in-person classes to resume, or July 1, 2021, whichever date comes later.

• Students Affected by this Temporary Policy

Understanding that it can be difficult for both students and schools to change instructional delivery and schedules for students once they have started classes, the Board made an allowance for students who are in the process of completing their classes when this policy expires:

“For students who enroll and begin classes prior to the expiration of this temporary policy, CAMTC will continue to accept distance learning hours successfully completed during the twelve months after this temporary policy expires, so long as the requirements of this temporary policy are met. CAMTC will not accept distance learning hours for students who enroll or start classes after this temporary policy expires.”

You can view both of these documents on the CAMTC website for exact language:

<https://www.camtc.org/schools/school-owners-administrators/>

Education from Closed Schools

The Board amended the Policies and Procedures for Approval of Schools to remove section 3.A.a.(4), which was slated to go into effect on January 1, 2021 and would have added additional requirements for the acceptance of education from schools that closed prior to July 1, 2016. Due to the removal of that section, Applicants with education from these schools, will continue to have their education reviewed on a case-by-case basis in keeping with the current process.

Board Officers

The Board re-elected its current officers to serve for the upcoming year. These include the two Board Members representing schools.

Chair – Jeff Forman, Ph.D., appointed by the Chancellor’s Office for the California Community College system. Dr. Forman recently retired as a full time Professor and Director of the Massage Therapy program at DeAnza College in Cupertino, where he developed the first Community College Massage Therapy degree and certificate programs in the State.

Secretary – Allison Budlong, appointed by the California Association of Private Postsecondary Schools (CAPPS). Ms. Budlong is the past Director of Education Programs and Compliance at the National Holistic Institute (NHI) “A College of Massage Therapy” — supporting student and alumni services and school compliance.

Re-elected was **Ron Bates, Ph.D.**, as **Vice-Chair**, appointed to the Board by the League of California Cities, and is a Council Member in Los Alamitos. Also re-elected was **Michael Marylander**, as **Treasurer**, also appointed by the Board, and he owns a chain of massage therapy clinics.



MESSAGE REOPENING

County Massage Reopening Map



Keep up-to-date with the reopening of massage establishments around California using our interactive map at:

www.camtc.org/county-massage-reopening-map/

and also COVID-19 Updates on our homepage.

Note that the reopening of massage establishments does not necessarily include massage schools.

To see if your school can operate and with what modifications, consult your local county health department.

!!! IMPORTANT REMINDER !!!

Due to the COVID-19 health crisis and in compliance with health experts and authorities, CAMTC is conducting modified operations and is not currently sending or receiving physical mail or packages. Please do not send mail to CAMTC - it will not be processed timely. If you have mailed any documents to CAMTC, we recommend that you resubmit those documents by email. Until further notice, any documents that you would like CAMTC to receive and

review must be submitted electronically. Please submit them by email to info@camtc.org.

However school transcripts should continue to be emailed to transcripts@camtc.org and make school payments per the instructions for schools. All payments must be made by credit or debit card - we will not be accepting checks, cashier's checks or money orders until further notice.

SUNSET REVIEW

Previously scheduled for this year, the Sunset Review will occur during 2021. This is a time that the Legislature reviews the current Massage Therapy Act and makes changes. These changes may be minor or substantial.

CAMTC will keep you apprised throughout 2021 with these newsletters and our monthly school calls of potential changes to the law that may affect massage therapists and schools.



QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Our school has some students for which English is a second language. Can I assist them with their Application for CAMTC Certification?



Yes. A representative can help an individual fill out an Application for CAMTC Certification. However, the applicant is responsible for making sure all of the information on the application is truthful, correct, and accurate and must sign their own application attesting to this.

The Monthly Schools Call

occurs the 1st Wednesday of every month at 2:00pm.

The next call is January 6th, 2020.

Calls are open to the public, but participation is prioritized for school owners and administrators. Please email your school-related questions in advance to jbsmith@camtc.org.

To participate in the upcoming conference call, simply call the phone number shown and, when prompted, enter the passcode shown followed by the # sign: **Phone number: 877-366-0711** **Passcode: 82373574 #**



WE'RE HERE TO HELP

For School Questions or Comments, Joe Bob Smith, CAMTC Director of Educational Standards Division, can be reached at:

jbsmith@camtc.org

Missed a CAMTC School Newsletter?

Digital versions of all previous CAMTC School Newsletters can always be found at:

www.camtc.org/information-about-camtc/publications/ and scroll down.

California Massage Therapy Council's mission is to protect the public by certifying massage professionals in California that meet the requirements in the law and approving massage programs that meet the minimum standards for training and curriculum.

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