

LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

IN THE MATTER OF

RELAX SPA 2 LLC

LICENSE NO. E4512

MOTION TO CONTINUE

WHEREAS, Relax Spa 2 LLC (“Relax Spa”) is a licensed massage establishment and is subject to the jurisdiction and rules of the Louisiana Massage Therapists and Massage Establishments Act (La. R.S. 37:3551, et. seq.), and the Professional and Occupational Standards for Massage Therapists (LAC 46:XLIV §101, et. seq.);

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2023, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:977.3(C), the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy (“LBMT”), through its Complaint Investigation Officer, Memry Hodum, issued an Order of Summary Suspension, which had the effect of summarily suspending LBMT License number E4512, issued to Relax Spa, pending an administrative hearing scheduled for July 21, 2023.

WHEREAS, by email correspondence dated July 13, 2023, Ralph Bickham, counsel for Relax Spa, contacted James R. Raines, special counsel to the LBMT, and advised Mr. Raines that he had recently been retained to represent Relax Spa and has a previously scheduled hearing in a separate matter on July 21, 2023;

WHEREAS, Mr. Bickham requested a continuance of the July 21, 2023, hearing date to the next meeting of the LBMT scheduled for September 25, 2023;

WHEREAS, Relax Spa, through counsel, acknowledges and agrees that the terms of the Order of Summary Suspension dated June 20, 2023, shall remain in effect until the hearing on the Summary Suspension;

WHEREAS, during the meeting of the LBMT on July 21, 2023, Mr. Raines notified the LBMT at the scheduled time for its regularly scheduled Board meeting, that Relax Spa, through counsel, requested that the hearing on the Order of Summary Suspension be continued and rescheduled to the LBMT's next regularly scheduled Board meeting on September 25, 2023;

WHEREAS, a motion was made and unanimously affirmed by the LBMT to continue the hearing on the continuation of the summary suspension of Relax Spa's license, and to continue the effect of the summary suspension pending the rescheduled hearing, which hearing was rescheduled to September 25, 2023;

WHEREAS, Relax Spa, reserves all rights under the Administrative Procedure Act with regard to any further proceedings in this matter;

I, **JAMES R. RAINES**, serving as Prosecutor, do hereby acknowledge negotiation and preparation of this Continuance Agreement and Order with counsel for Relax Spa 2 LLC, and that the above recitation of facts is true and correct.



James R. Raines

July 18, 2023

Date

I, **RALPH BICKHAM**, counsel for Relax Spa 2 LLC, do hereby acknowledge negotiation and preparation of this Continuance Agreement and Order with James R. Raines, Prosecutor for the LBMT, and that the above recitation of facts is true and correct.



Ralph Bickham

July 18, 2023

Date

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that in consideration of the foregoing, the LBMT adopts this Continuance Order. Accordingly, the hearing on the continuation of the Order of Summary Suspension issued and signed in this matter on June 20, 2023, shall be continued and rescheduled to September 25, 2023. Further, the terms of the Order of Summary Suspension issued by the LBMT on June 20, 2023, shall continue in effect until the hearing on the summary suspension.

Date: July 21, 2023

Kathryn Lea Love, Chair
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