

GM 580

Measure Title: Submitting for consideration and confirmation to the State Board Of
Massage Therapy, Gubernatorial Nominee, SAMANTHA MEEHAN-
VANDIKE, for a term to expire 06-30-2018.

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TESTIMONY ON GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE NO. 580.

TO THE HONORABLE ROSALYN H. BAKER, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Carol Kramer and I am the Executive Officer for the Board of Massage Therapy ("Board"), Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("Department"). The Department thanks you for the opportunity to testify on Governor's Message No. 580, regarding the interim **appointment** of Samantha Meehan-Vandike to the Board. The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Meehan-Vandike's appointment to the Board.

Ms. Meehan-Vandike has served on the Board as an interim appointee since December 19, 2016 and is being appointed as a licensee member. She has been licensed since March 17, 2010, and her massage therapist license is current, active, and in good standing.

Ms. Meehan-Vandike has already attended one Board meeting and was an integral contributor in the discussion of draft rules.

She has been active in the physical therapy and massage therapy professions in Hawaii. Ms. Meehan-Vandike's interest in serving on the Board, experience in the profession and desire to contribute to the community adds to the effectiveness of the Board.

The Department supports the confirmation of Ms. Meehan-Vandike to the Massage Therapy Board, and thanks you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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From: Darryll Leiman <Darryll@mandarasp.com>
Sent: Friday, March 17, 2017 4:04 PM
To: CPH Testimony
Subject: GM580 - SAMANTHA MEEHAN-VANDIKE

Attn: Senate Committee

It is my pleasure to offer some insight into my professional experience with Samantha Meehan-Vandike.

Samantha applied to Mandara Spa at Hilton Hawaiian Village in Mar 2012 as a massage therapist and worked for us until July 2015. She immediately distinguished herself from other massage therapist candidates with her knowledge and experience. Samantha was very knowledgeable in her field having gained both professional and working experience in Australia and South Africa. She seemed to have that extra passion that massage therapy and bodywork was not just 'a job' but almost a 'calling'. She was excited to treat clients and not just provide a relaxing hour of massage but even in that single session make a difference in addressing a particular ailment or improve the guest's wellbeing.

Samantha also distinguished herself in being one of the highest requested therapists, unusual for the resort spa industry in that we do not have a high rate of regular guests. Despite Mandara Spa's policy of not recommending individual therapists, word somehow seemed to get around that Samantha was the preferred therapist of choice.

Samantha is unpretentious, modest, sense of teamwork, camaraderie and her boundless energy were all qualities that come to mind when thinking back of her time with Mandara Spa. Samantha also undertook the role of Administrator of the Hawaii Spa Association, through which I have also worked with her and can commend her role there as well.

Without reservation, I can recommend Samantha Meehan-Vandike as a sterling choice for Hawaii State Massage Therapy Board. She would be an outstanding, dependable and committed to this prestigious position.

Sincerely,

Darryll S. Leiman

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17 March 2017

RE: GM580 - SAMANTHA MEEHAN-VANDIKE

Dear Sir/Madam:

I have known Ms. Meehan-Vandike for more than three years in many capacities, including, Director-Hawaii Spa Association, Lead therapist-Oahu Spine & Rehab, Licensed Massage therapist and Instructor-Remington College-Honolulu Campus. She is a very capable, organized and trustworthy colleague with high integrity and commitment. I appreciate her enthusiastic personality.

I feel she would be a great asset to the Hawaii Massage Board with her positive energy and willingness to contribute to our profession.

Thank you for considering my testimony in support of Ms. Meehan-Vandike.

Respectfully,

Olivia Nagashima, President
American Massage Therapy Association-Hawaii Chapter

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Samantha Meehan- Vandike: State Board of Massage Therapy

(1) Why do you want to be a member of the Board?

I would like to serve the public and industry of massage therapy in any way that I can.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board?

To serve and protect the interests of the industry and the public that encounter our industry. Foster a community of growth and professionalism across the industry.

(3) In what ways do you feel that you can help protect the consumer?

To ensure our industry standards and ethics are upheld by all aspects of the massage community.

(4) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

Having lived abroad in London, UK, Australia and South Africa I feel that I have a broad scope of knowledge and experiences. Having worked on both practicing and administration sides of the health and fitness industry, I feel that I can bring a different perspective to the table. Having worked as an employee here on Oahu in small physical therapy clinics, a large resort spa, as an independent contractor and as an instructor, as well as volunteering administratively for the Hawaii Spa Association, I feel that my all round experience and understanding of all these sides of the industry will serve me well in representing the industry as a whole.

(5) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

Support the process of updating our chapter. I would like to support the continued advancement and progression of the Board into the ever-changing future. I would like to see continued alignment to national standards and expectations of our industries as we grow to increase professionalism for all. I feel that CEU requirement for state licensure should be considered, to ensure our industry stays up to date and progressive.

(6) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board.

Driven – once tasked with a job I will work until completed. I will help the board in any way I can.

Passionate – I love my industry and will work tirelessly to uphold its professionalism.

Approachable – I can speak to anyone, anywhere and I hope to be a great spokesperson for our industry.

(7) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board member.

I have worked in small industry associations supporting some large industries, and am familiar with standards and expectations of serving board members.

(8) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

I do understand that as I have a varied role as a therapist and instructor in the community, there may be times that I should recuse myself from voting. I also will be very transparent with affiliations and associations that I may have in the community.