



## **Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy**

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **LOCATIONS:**

On March 22, 2020 Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak signed Declaration of Emergency Directive 006. Section 1 of that Emergency Directive suspended the requirement contained in NRS 241.023(1)(b) that there be a physical location designated for meetings of public bodies. Section 3 of the March 22, 2020 Emergency Directive suspended the requirements contained in NRS 241.020(4)(a) that public notice agendas be posted at physical locations within the State of Nevada.

This meeting of the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy took place exclusively via Zoom based upon Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak's Declaration of Emergency in the State of Nevada in response to COVID-19, and upon the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy's obligation to timely conduct Board business.

May 7, 2021

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#### **DATES AND TIMES:**

**May 7, 2021 commencing at 7:00 a.m.**

**Zoom sign-in available at 6:30 a.m.**

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**Please Note:** The Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy may: 1) take agenda items out of order; 2) combine two or more items for consideration; or 3) remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion related to an item at any time. Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate individuals with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting. Please contact Sandy Anderson at 775.687.9951 ([sjanderson@lmt.nv.gov](mailto:sjanderson@lmt.nv.gov)), in advance, so that arrangements may be made. Public comment will be taken at the beginning and the end of the meeting. The Board may convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person (NRS 241.030).

Public Comment Agenda Item: There is a time designated at the beginning of the meeting and the end of the meeting for Public Comment. Members of the general public may bring matters not appearing on this Agenda to the attention of the Board or make comment on specific agenda items. Public comment may also be taken at other such times as requested as long as the request for public comment will not interrupt ongoing Board business. The Board may discuss the matters not on the Agenda but may not act on the matters at this meeting. If the Board desires, the matters may be placed on a future Agenda for action. In consideration of others who may also wish to provide public comment, please avoid repetition. The Board reserves the right to limit public comment to three (3) minutes.

**Prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or quasi-judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual, the Board may refuse to consider public comment (see NRS 233B.126).** Please be aware that after the quasi-judicial Board has rendered a decision in the contested case and, assuming this happens before adjournment, the Board may entertain public comment on the proceeding at that time.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:06 a.m. and roll call of Board Members. Chair Diane Huleva, Vice Chair Deirdre Strunk, Secretary/Treasurer Elisabeth Barnard, Lorna Benedict, Richard Fields, Karen Kramberg, Sommer Plotnick, Bianca Smith, Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward, and Executive Director Sandy Anderson. Vice Chair Deirdre Strunk left the meeting at 8:58 a.m.
2. Mission Statement of the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy – To protect the public health, safety, and welfare through effective massage therapy regulation. Insuring that qualified, competent, ethical practitioners are licensed.
3. Introduction of new Board member appointed by the Governor.
  - a. Karen Kramberg from Washoe County
4. Public comment – Members of the public who wish to participate in a public meeting may do so by providing public comment during the two designated public comment periods.

Additionally, public comment options may include, without limitation, telephonic or email comment. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under public comment until scheduled on an agenda for action at a later meeting. The Board will not restrict comments based on viewpoint. The opportunity for public comment will be available at the beginning and ending of the meeting. (Discussion Only)

Written public comment was provided by Michelle Flater, Director of Regulatory Compliance for Wynn Las Vegas and Encore, and Oran Antrim with the Hyatt Lake Tahoe copies of which are attached to these minutes. No other requests for public comment were received.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding changes to the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy Guidelines for practice in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Motion by Diane Huleva to give staff the authority to review Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) recommendations and add them to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the website, seconded by Bianca. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Diane Huleva to make the recommended changes to the document, seconded by Karen Kramberg. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding modification of the guidelines provided by the Board to licensees and stakeholders in response to COVID-19 including implementation of recommendations provided by written public comment.

Motion by Bianca Smith to approve the changes, seconded by Karen Kramberg. Motion carried unanimously. Vice Chair Deirdre Strunk was not present for the vote.

6. Discussion regarding physical location requirement for June meeting and expiration of the Governor's Directive 006 June 1, 2021. (For Discussion)

Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward updated the Board regarding the lifting of Directive 006. Starting in June the Board will need to provide a physical location for the public to attend at open meetings per NRS 241.

7. Public comment.

Michelle Flater Director of Compliance Wynn Las Vegas thanked the Board for acknowledging her comments.

8. Adjourned at 9:21 a.m.

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