



Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATIONS:

This meeting of the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy took place online via Zoom and was available via telephone:

September 16, 2021

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DATES AND TIMES:

September 16, 2021 commenced at 7:06 a.m.
Zoom sign-in was 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 were made to assist and accommodate individuals with disabilities who wished to attend the meeting by contacting Sandy Anderson at 775.687.9951 (sjanderson@lmt.nv.gov), in advance, so that arrangements could be made. Public comment was taken at the beginning and the end of the meeting.

Public Comment Agenda Item: There was a time designated at the beginning of the meeting and the end of the meeting for Public Comment. Members of the general public were able to bring matters not appearing on this Agenda to the attention of the Board or make comment on specific agenda items. Public comment was also taken at other such times as requested as long as the request for public comment did not interrupt ongoing Board business. The Board may have discussed matters not on the agenda but did not act on the matters at this meeting. If the Board desired, the matters may be placed on a future Agenda for action. In consideration of others who may have also wished to provide public comment, the public was asked to please avoid repetition. The Board reserved 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. Call to order and roll call of Board Members.

Meeting called to order at 7:06 a.m. by Chair Elisabeth Barnard. Board members in attendance were Vice Chair Deirdre Strunk, Secretary/Treasurer Richard Fields, Bianca Smith, Rebecca Dorangricchia, Stephanie Tsanas, and Sommer Plotnick. Members Lorna Benedict and Karen Kramberg were not in attendance. Also in attendance were Deputy Attorney General Harry Ward and Executive Director Sandy Anderson.

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.

Chair Barnard read the mission statement into the record.

3. 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)

The Executive Director advised the Board that no written public comments were submitted prior to the meeting.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding the impacts of Covid-19 on the in-person Board Retreat scheduled for October 25 and 26, 2021. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

The board discussed cancelling the in-person retreat due to the ongoing pandemic and uncertainties created by it and out of an abundance of caution for speakers, staff, and board members.

Motioned by Bianca to postpone the Board Retreat until further notice, seconded by Richard Fields. Motion carried.

5. Discussion regarding recommended future agenda items. (For Discussion)

Bianca Smith requested that we have an agenda item to discuss inspection of school clinics and education of the students regarding COVID. The Executive Director will implement an educational outreach to the schools to discuss COVID and COVID recommendations for the practice of massage.

6. Public comment.

Bianca Smith NVMT.5514, as a licensee, provided public comment expressing her gratitude for the Board and staff seamlessly switching into the virtual environment. As a licensee, she appreciates the work everyone is doing.

7. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 a.m.

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