



Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATIONS:

This meeting of the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy took place online via Zoom and was available via telephone. Persons wishing to participate in the meeting were able to connect to the meeting through the link or telephone numbers below. Persons wishing to provide public comment during the meeting were able to use the links below and at the appropriate times, the Board Chair called on persons wishing to make public comment.

Virtual access was available by registering for this meeting online:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84233485625?pwd=SmFmUGdCbmlFYWEV2N1djVWtMenRaZz09>

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DATES AND TIMES:

December 17, 2022, commenced at 9:00 a.m.

Zoom sign-in was available at 8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

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. 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 was a time designated at the beginning 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 also was 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 the matters not on the agenda but did not act on the matters at this meeting. If the Board desired, the matters will be placed on a future Agenda for action. In consideration of others who wished to provide public comment, repetition was avoided. The Board limited 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 have refused to consider public comment (see NRS 233B.126). Please be aware that after the quasi-judicial Board rendered a decision in the contested case and, assuming this happened before adjournment, the Board may have entertained public comment on the proceeding.

1. Call to order and roll call of Board Members.

The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. on December 17, 2022, by Chair Elisabeth Barnard. Board members in attendance included Vice Chair Deirdre Strunk, Secretary Treasurer Rebecca Dorangricchia, Christine Garvey, Rosemarie Mueller, Bianca Smith, John Teng, and Stephanie Tsanas. Additional attendees included Board Counsel Colleen Platt and Executive Director Sandy Anderson. Lorna Benedict and Sergeant Fink were excused. Ms. Smith left the meeting at 11:14 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.

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)

No individuals on the Zoom had public comment.

Written public comment was provided by Barbara Wall NVMT.1681 and read into the record by Executive Director Anderson.

I would like to propose a change in licensing and CEU requirements for those of us that are Senior Age and have worked in compliance since the beginning of licensing and before.

I began in NV in 1976 fulltime. From 1978 to 1988 parttime while working as a union laborer. I spent 3 weeks in 1983 in CA getting certified. Then most of 1989 at a massage school in CA.

I began renting an office in 1990 working many hours and taking many classes. I have been in a home office for about 4 years at a much reduced schedule. 1974 began this awesome life path. I'm 75.

I propose a reduced or waived lic. fee and no CE requirements.

Thank you

4. Discussion and possible selection of a lobbyist for the Board. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

a. Flynn Giudici Government Affairs, LLC.

Nick Vander Poel with Mendy Elliott and Omar Del La Rosa presented information regarding the background of the firm Flynn Giudici Government Affairs, LLC.

b. K. Neena Laxalt Consulting

Neena Laxalt presented information regarding the background of her firm K. Neena Laxalt Consulting.

c. The Perkins Company

A representative from Perkin group was not available for the meeting.

Motioned by Bianca Smith to approve Flynn Giudici Government Affairs for the 2023 legislative session, seconded by Stephanie Tsanas. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and possible approval to enter into the Interstate Massage Therapy Compact. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Discussion was held regarding the Interstate Massage Compact (IMPact) including opening the discussion up to public comment.

Motioned by Christine Garvey that the Board take steps to move forward to enter into the interstate massage compact and do the work to move forward with a Bill Draft Request for the 2025 session and authorize the Executive Director to work with any lobbyist to start conversations and prepare for moving forward in the 2025 session. Motion was amended by Board Member Garvey after discussion.

Motioned by Christine Garvey that the Board move forward with entering into the interstate massage compact, seconded by Deirdre Strunk. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion and approval of proposed Bill Draft for the 2023 Legislative Session. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Legal Counsel Platt shared that the bill draft will change. With the acceptance of the compact. Section 1 will now reflect the language of the compact.

Motioned by Rebecca Dorangricchia to move forward with the bill draft including the changes discussed, seconded by Deirdre Strunk. Motion carried.

7. Public comment.

Nick Vander Poel looks forward to working with the Board.

Mendy Elliott shared that she looks forward to working with the Board, staff, and counsel.

8. Adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Notices:

Documents provided to Board members during the meeting were posted on the website after the meeting.

Persons/facilities who want to be on the mailing list must submit a written request every six months to the Board.

In accordance with NRS 241.020, this public notice and agenda was posted on or before December 14, 2022, at the following locations:

http://massagetherapy.nv.gov/About/Board_Meetings/Meetings/

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