



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 time, the Board Chair called on persons wishing to make public comment.

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DATES AND TIMES:

March 22, 2023, commenced at 9:01 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 comments also were 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 would 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 9:01 a.m. on March 22, 2023, by Secretary-Treasurer Rebecca Dorangricchia, Board members in attendance included Lorna Benedict, Christine Garvey, Rosemarie Mueller, Bianca Smith, John Teng, Stephanie Tsanas, and Sgt. Aaron Fink with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. Additional attendees included Senior Deputy Attorney General Sophia Long as Prosecutor and Deputy Attorney General Joel Bekker as Board Counsel. Chair Elisabeth Barnard and Executive Director Sandy Anderson joined the meeting at 10:01a.m. Vice Chair Deirdre Strunk was excused.

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.

Secretary-Treasurer Dorangricchia 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)

Elizabeth Benion read the American Massage Therapy Association Nevada Chapter letter of support for SB 270 into the record (copy attached as Exhibit B).

Management Analyst Tereza VanHorn advised the Board that no additional written public comments were submitted prior to the meeting.

4. Request for Early Termination of Probation Chantal Roybal license number NVMT.10713. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Chantal Roybal present.

Management Analyst VanHorn presented the early termination of probation of Chantal Roybal to the Board. Ms. Roybal's early probation termination application is before you today for review. In January of 2021, Ms. Roybal was granted a probationary license with a four-year term. Ms. Roybal has maintained a satisfactory probation over the two (2) years since her approval and is requesting to be granted an un-restricted massage license under NRS 640C.580 and is before you today for review under NRS 640C.700.

Motioned by Bianca Smith to deny early termination of probation, seconded by Stephanie Tsanas. Motion carried.

5. Application Review. (The Board may convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person.) (For Possible Action)

- a. Review Application Jajuane D. Fisher. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Item tabled.

- b. Review Application Antoinette M. Parker. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Antoinette M. Parker was present.

The application of Ms. Parker was reviewed by the Board.

Motioned by Stephanie Tsanas to move to closed session, seconded by Bianca Smith. Motion carried.

Ms. Parker provided testimony and Board members asked Ms. Parker questions.

Motioned by Rebecca Dorangricchia to return to open session, seconded by Elisabeth Barnard. Motion carried.

Motioned by Stephanie Tsanas to deny based on NRS 640C.700(3), seconded by Bianca Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Review Application Fang Liu. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Fang Liu was present, and her brother San Tan provided translation services.

The application of Ms. Liu was reviewed by the Board.

Deputy Attorney General Joel Bekker advised the interpreter that Fang needed to answer the questions.

Motioned by Rebecca Dorangricchia to deny based on NRS 640C.700(3), seconded by Stephanie Tsanas. Motion carried with no opposition.

d. Review Application Meixiang Yang. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Meixiang Yang was present and represented by legal counsel Kirk Kennedy Nevada State Bar #5032 with interpreter Yani Cooper.

The application of Ms. Yang was reviewed by the Board.

Motioned by Bianca Smith to deny the application NRS 640C.700(2)(4)(6)(9) and NAC 640C.410(1)(r), seconded by Lorna Benedict. Motion carried.

e. Review Application Zhongqiong Yang. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Zhongqiong Yang was present and represented by Kirk Kennedy Nevada State Bar #5032 with interpreter Wei Mai Borgel.

The application of Ms. Yang was reviewed by the Board.

Motioned by Rosemarie Mueller to table to June pending additional information, seconded by Bianca Smith. Motion carried.

6. Formal Hearing Thomas W. Maher NVMT.1717 – Case Number NVMT-C-21086 (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Senior Deputy Attorney General Sophia Long presented the case regarding Thomas Maher NVMT.1717 – Case Number NVMT-C-21086 to the Board. Mr. Maher was present and represented by legal counsel James Shapiro Nevada Bar #7907.

Transcribed minutes of the hearing are available through Litigation Services, 151 Country Estates Circle, Reno, Nevada 89511 phone number (702) 314-7200.

The case was continued to March 30, 2023.

7. Formal Hearing Renuka Tongklom NVMT.7923 – Case Number NVMT-C-22054. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Senior Deputy Attorney General Sophia Long presented a settlement agreement regarding Renuka Tongklom NVMT.7923 – Case Number NVMT-C-22054 to the Board including a public reprimand, fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), and an ethics course provided by the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards. Ms. Tongklom was not present.

Motioned by Rebecca Dorangricchia to accept the settlement agreement, seconded by Bianca Smith. Motion carried.

8. Formal Hearing Anthony P. Meira NVMT.9622 – Case Number NVMT-C-23003. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Secretary-Treasurer Rebecca Dorangricchia presided.

Senior Deputy Attorney General Sophia Long presented the Voluntary Surrender for three (3) years of Anthony Meira NVMT.9622 – Case Number NVMT-C-23003 to the Board. Mr. Meira was not present.

Motioned by Stephanie Tsanas to accept the voluntary surrender for three (3) years of Anthony P. Meira’s license, seconded by Lorna Benedict. Motion carried.

Consent agenda items are shown in italics. The Consent Agenda contains matters of routine acceptance. The Board members may approve the consent agenda items as written or, at their discretion, may address individual items for discussion or revisions.

9. *Consent Agenda Items – Board members may choose to request any item listed below be pulled for discussion and possible action. Any items not pulled may be approved in a single motion to approve the consent agenda excluding pulled items. (For Discussion and Possible Action)*
 - a. *Approval of applications approved and authorized by the Chairperson through February 28, 2023 (see Exhibit A). (For Possible Action)*
 - b. *Discussion and possible action regarding review and acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget verses Actual through February 28, 2023. (For Possible Action)*
 - c. *Discussion and possible action regarding increasing the database contract to include a one-time fee of \$3,160 to have disciplinary action available when verifying a license. (For Discussion and Possible Action)*
 - d. *Discuss, amend, and approve Board meeting minutes for January 18, 2023. (For Possible Action)*

Board member Smith requested that 9.c. be pulled for discussion.

Motioned by Bianca Smith to approve all items with the modification to 9c to require a completion date from the vendor, seconded by Rebecca Dorangricchia. Motion carried.

10. Board Counsel report. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

No report was provided.

11. Executive Director Report including but not limited to (For Discussion)

No report was provided.

12. Discussion and possible action regarding reinvestment of the City National Securities certificate of deposit in the amount of \$424,485.66. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Motioned by Bianca Smith to reinvest certificate of deposit with the best interest rate available not to exceed one (1) year, seconded by Rebecca Dorangricchia. Motion carried.

13. Discussion and possible action regarding feasibility of the Newsletter. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

No discussion.

14. Discussion and possible action regarding shifting from printed paper and plastic card licenses to a self-printing system with additional verification options. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

No discussion

15. Discussion and possible action regarding the effect of Executive Orders 2023-003 and 2023-004. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

The Executive Director presented information from Board Counsel regarding possible regulations to be repealed. The Executive Director was advised to move forward with reporting to the Governor's Office regarding the Executive Orders.

16. Discussion and possible action regarding the progress of Senate Bill 270 for the IMpact. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Executive Director Anderson provided information regarding the progress of the Bill and the hearing that morning in the Senate Committee on Commerce and Labor.

17. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2023 Legislative Session update. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. AB 14
- b. AB 52
- c. AB 153
- d. AB 219
- e. AB 268
- f. AB 275
- g. SB 145
- h. SB 270
- i. BDR 48
- j. BDR 351
- k. BDR 737
- l. BDR 740
- m. BDR 747
- n. BDR 817
- o. BDR 874
- p. BDR 900
- q. BDR 914
- r. Status of other compacts Nursing AB 108, Emergency Medical Services AB 158, and Physical Therapy SB 97,

Due to time constraints none of the above items were discussed.

18. Other topics

19. Discussion regarding recommended future agenda items. (For Discussion)
 20. Public comment.
 21. Adjournment 5:29 p.m.
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Notices:

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

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