



Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATIONS:

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DATES AND TIMES:

March 20, 2024, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Zoom sign-in 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 will be made to assist and accommodate individuals with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting. Please contact Elisabeth Barnard at 775.687.9951 (ebarnard@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 limits 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.

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. on March 20, 2024, by Chair Rebecca Dorangricchia. Board members in attendance included Secretary-Treasurer Bianca Smith, Lorna Benedict, Christine Garvey, Rosemarie Mueller, Stephanie Tsanas, John Teng, Paula Wilber. Additional attendees included Deputy Attorney General Ziwei Zheng as Prosecutor, Colleen Platt as Board Counsel, and Executive Director Elisabeth Barnard. Vice Chair Deirdre Strunk was excused, Advisory Member Sergeant Aaron Fink of Las Vegas Metro Police Department was not present.

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 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)

No public comment was received in advance of the meeting, no meeting participants offered any public comment.

4. 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 Chien Yu Chen. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Item continued to May 29, 2024, meeting.

b. Review Application Trezure Z. Rowland. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Trezure Z. Rowland was present.

The application of Ms. Rowland was presented for review by the Board.

Motioned by Garvey to move to closed session, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

Ms. Rowland provided testimony and Board members asked her questions.

Motioned by Tsanas to return to open session, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

Motioned by Garvey, to approve the application, seconded by Tsanas. Motion carried.

c. Review Application Lapria M. Smith-Robinson (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Lapria M. Smith-Robinson was present.

The application of Ms. Smith-Robinson was presented for review by the Board.

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

Ms. Smith-Robinson provided testimony and Board members asked her questions.

Motioned by Mueller to return to open session, seconded by Tsanas. Motion carried.

Motioned by Mueller, to approve the application, seconded by Benedict. Motion carried.

d. Review Application Samantha C. Watson. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Samantha C. Watson was present.

The application of Ms. Watson was presented for review by the Board.

Motioned by Smith to move to closed session, seconded by Benedict. Motion carried.

Ms. Smith-Robinson provided testimony and Board members asked her questions.

Motioned by Smith to return to open session, seconded by Tsanas. Motion carried.

Motioned by Smith, to approve the application and immediately place the license on probation for a term of four (4) years, with the licensee's employer required to provide reports to the Board on a quarterly basis, to complete a background check at her expense for the next two renewal periods, to report any contact with law enforcement within 48 hours, to refrain from providing any outcall services, to complete a course in ethics within the next 90 days, to attend probation orientation, and to have the licensee submit all offers of employment to staff for review, seconded by Mueller. Motion carried.

5. Formal Hearing Min Liu Huang NVMT.3325 – Case Number NVMT-B-2402. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Deputy Attorney General Zheng requested the case be dismissed.

Motioned by Dorangricchia to dismiss the case, seconded by Benedict. Motion carried.

6. Formal Hearing Qiaofen Wei NVMT.11681 – Case Number NVMT-C-23020. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Item continued to May 29, 2024, meeting.

7. Formal Hearing Joshua R. T. Jurinek NVMT.7945 – Case Number NVMT-C-23052. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Item continued to May 29, 2024, meeting.

8. Formal Hearing Carlos Miguel M. Palma NVMT.10841 – Case Number NVMT-C-23069. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Carlos Miguel M. Palma was not present.

Deputy Attorney General Zheng presented the voluntary surrender for three (3) years of Carlos Miguel M. Palma NVMT.10841 – Case Number NVMT-C-23069 to the Board.

Smith motioned to accept the voluntary surrender of NVMT.10841, seconded by Benedict. Motion carried.

9. Formal Hearing Yaqiu Wu NVMT.10542 – Case Number NVMT-C-23074. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Item continued to May 29, 2024, meeting.

10. Formal Hearing Hanlan C. Mott NVMT.5988 – Case Number NVMT-C-23093. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Hanlan C. Mott was not present.

Teng disclosed that Mott had been a student at the school he works at but believes he can be impartial in this matter.

Deputy Attorney General Zheng presented the voluntary surrender for three (3) years of Hanlan C. Mott NVMT.5988 – Case Number NVMT-C-23093 to the Board.

Smith motioned to reject the voluntary surrender of NVMT.5988, seconded by Garvey.

The Board held discussion that in the future they would like to see a longer period of time before a person can reapply for a license after surrendering it in lieu of other discipline in cases of alleged sexual acts during the course of massage.

Smith motioned to withdraw the motion to reject the voluntary surrender, Garvey agreed with the motion to withdraw.

Smith motioned to accept the voluntary surrender of NVMT.5988 as presented, seconded by Garvey. Motion carried.

11. Formal Hearing Domenico R. Lonardo NVMT.11397 – Case Number NVMT-C-23095.
(For Discussion and Possible Action)

Teng disclosed that Lonardo had been a student at the school he works at but believes he can be impartial in this matter.

Deputy Attorney General Zhang presented the case regarding Domenico R. Lonardo NVMT.11397 – Case Number NVMT-C-23095 to the Board. Lonardo was not present.

Zheng advised the board regarding NRS 622A.350 and the requirements for notification.

Board Counsel Platt swore in Tereza VanHorn. Ms. VanHorn provided testimony that Lonardo was provided sufficient legal notice per NRS 622A.350 and was served notice at the last known address on file with the Board. Lonardo had not responded to the notice.

Motioned by Smith that Lonardo had been properly noticed, seconded by Tsanas. Motion carried.

Zheng presented the Complaint Notice of Hearing regarding Lonardo. Zheng requested that exhibit 1 be accepted into evidence. Chair Dorangricchia accepted the exhibit. Complainant Leah Fair was present and available and answered questions from the Board.

Motioned by Garvey to accept the alleged facts as true and violations of law did occur as set forth in the Complaint, seconded by Benedict. Motion carried.

Motioned by Smith to revoke Lonardo's license, NVMT.11397, for ten (10) years, fine of \$2,500 per count for a total of \$5,000, reimburse the Board for costs not to exceed \$1,000 to be paid in one year, seconded by Tsanas. Motion carried.

12. Formal Hearing Ganghua Liu NVMT.11132 – Case Number NVMT-C-23100. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Ganghua Liu was not present.

Deputy Attorney General Zheng presented the voluntary surrender for three (3) years of Ganghua Liu NVMT.11132 – Case Number NVMT-C-23100 to the Board.

Smith motioned to accept the voluntary surrender of NVMT.11132, seconded by Wilber. 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.

13. *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 29, 2024 (see Exhibit A). (For Possible Action)*
 - b. *Discussion and possible action regarding review and acceptance of the updated Fiscal Year 2024 Budget versus Actual through February 29, 2024. (For Possible Action)*
 - c. *Discuss, amend, and approve Board meeting minutes for January 30, 2024. (For Possible Action)*

A brief discussion was held regarding item 13b, with a review of the ongoing effects of transitioning from annual license renewals to every other year in 2018, this continues to cause a fluctuation in revenue from odd to even years.

Motioned by Smith to approve item 13 as presented., seconded by Benedict. Motion passed.

14. Board Counsel report. (For Discussion)

Board Counsel did not have a report.

15. Executive Director Report. (For Discussion)

Barnard reviewed the key indicators of the Strategic Plan with the Board.

Active Licensees as of March 1 5,511 MT – 5,462 RF - 32 SI – 17

Licenses Printed during February

New 31

Renewals 64

Duplicates 7

Inspection Team

2024 Establishments 868 – Inspected 179 or 20%. Total unsatisfactory inspections 47 of those follow-ups 20 were completed.

2024 Outcall Inspections Planned 360 – Addressed 317 or 88% Of the 317, 73 reported that they are not practicing outcall.

2024 Establishment Certificates – Applications received & processed 47.

Investigations

Investigations Opened in 2024 – 21

Open Investigations as of March 1 – 14

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

No future agenda items were discussed.

17. Public comment.

Chair Dorangricchia extended her thanks to the Executive Director, Board Counsel and DAG for their hard work for this meeting and to the Executive Director for the work to put together the Board Retreat.

18. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 AM.

Notices:

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