



Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATIONS: This meeting of the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy will take place in person at River Rock Room, The Renaissance Reno, One South Lake Street, Reno, NV 89501. Persons wishing to provide public comments during the meeting may appear in person, or submit comments to the Executive Director, the Board Chair will call on persons wishing to make public comment.

DATES AND TIMES: March 13 and 14, 2024, commencing at 9:00 a.m. each day.

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.

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. on March 13, 2024, by Chair Rebecca Dorangricchia. Board members in attendance included Vice Chair Deirdre Strunk, Secretary-Treasurer Bianca Smith, Lorna Benedict, Christine Garvey, Rosemarie Mueller, Stephanie Tsanas, John Teng, Paula Wilber, and Sgt. Aaron Fink with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. Additional attendees included Deputy Attorney General Ziwei Zheng, Colleen Platt as Board Counsel, and Executive Director Elisabeth Barnard. Staff members present were Christy Brunner, Kim Buckingham, Francine Donschick, Ryan Huffman, Linda Lord, Becky SanGregorio, and Tereza VanHorn. The Chair had all present introduce themselves.

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.

4. Training and discussion regarding the role of the Board and individual members provided by the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards' staff. (For Discussion)

Patty Glenn, Director of Education and Professional Mobility with the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards presented training on the role of the Board and individual members and services available from the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards.

5. Training and discussion regarding objectivity and when to recuse yourself from the proceedings, administrative hearings, and other information for Board Members provided by Colleen Platt, Esq. (For Discussion)

Legal Counsel Colleen Platt presented training on the job of the Board, along with various aspects of the obligations the Board has regarding hearings, administration, statutes, and regulations.

6. Discussion of the processes for licensing, renewals, inspections, and investigations, Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy staff. (For Discussion)

Management Analyst II VanHorn presented the process for new and renewal applications. Investigator Brunner presented the process for inspections and investigations.

7. Discussion and Possible Action regarding future changes to NRS and NAC 640C. (For Discussion and Possible Action)
8. Discussion and possible action regarding updating the strategic plan for the Board. (For Discussion and Possible Action)
9. Public Comment (Discussion Only)

No public comment was received.

10. Adjournment. (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned for the day at 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 14, 2024

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

The meeting was called back to order at 9:05 a.m. on March 14, 2024, by Chair Rebecca Dorangricchia. Board members in attendance included Vice Chair Deirdre Strunk, Secretary-Treasurer Bianca Smith, Lorna Benedict, Christine Garvey, Rosemarie Mueller, Stephanie Tsanas, John Teng, Paula Wilber, and Sgt. Aaron Fink with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. Additional attendees included Deputy Attorney General Ziwei Zheng, Colleen Platt as Board Counsel, and Executive Director Elisabeth Barnard. Staff members present were Christy Brunner, Kim Buckingham, Francine Donshick, Ryan Huffman, Linda Lord, Becky SanGregorio, and Tereza VanHorn.

2. 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.

3. Training and discussion regarding human trafficking and its impacts on the massage industry, Chris Muller-Tabanera of The Network. (For Discussion)

Chris Muller-Tabanera, Chief Strategy Officer of The Network presented training on the impacts of human trafficking in the massage industry.

4. Discussion and Possible Action regarding future changes to NRS and NAC 640C. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

The Board discussed possible changes to Chapter 640C of Nevada Revised Statutes. Barnard and Platt will compile the changes for review at a later Board meeting.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding updating the strategic plan for the Board. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Barnard reviewed the current structure of the Strategic Plan with the Board and under their direction made the following changes:

Combine current items 1 - Ensure Public Safety through Licensure Key Indicators and 6 - Inspection and Investigation as a Priority Key Indicators.

Remove Licensees from Item 2.

Change Item 3 from Continue to Improve the Board's Interface with Licensees to Continue to Improve and Enhance the Board's Engagement with Licensees.

New Item 4 - Continue to Improve and Enhance the Board's Engagement with the Industry, Stakeholders, and Community

Remove items 7, 8 & 9.

6. Public Comment (Discussion Only)

No public comment was received.

7. Adjournment. (For Possible Action)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Notices:

Items may be combined for consideration by the board. Items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time. Public comment will be taken at the beginning and at the end of the meeting. Regarding public comment, no vote may be taken upon a matter raised under this agenda item until the matter itself has been specifically included on a future agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. (NRS 241.020). The Chair may allow comment on individual agenda items at her discretion. Public comments are limited to three (3) minutes.

The Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy may address agenda items out of sequence to accommodate persons appearing before the Board or to aid the efficiency or effectiveness of the meeting. Interested persons may present oral and/or written comments at the time and place of the meeting, or written comments may be sent no later than **Tuesday, March 12, 2024**, to the following address: **Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy, 1755 E. Plumb Lane, Suite 252, Reno, NV 89502. Supporting materials are available on the Board's website http://massagetherapy.nv.gov/About/Board_Meetings/Meetings/ or by contacting Elisabeth Barnard at 775.687.9951 or ebarnard@lmt.nv.gov or 1755 E Plumb Lane, Suite 252, Reno, NV 89502.** Documents provided to Board members during the meeting will be posted on the website after the meeting.

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