



Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATIONS:

This meeting of the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy will take place online via Zoom, available via telephone or by visiting 1755 E. Plumb Ln. Ste 254, Reno, NV 89502. Persons wishing to participate in the meeting may connect to the meeting through the link below or telephone numbers below. Persons wishing to provide public comment during the meeting may use the links below and at the appropriate time, the Board Chair will call on persons wishing to make public comment.

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DATES AND TIMES:

May 9, 2024, commencing at 2:00 p.m.

Zoom sign-in available at 1:30 p.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 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 comments 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 2:00 p.m. on May 09, 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, Deirdre Strunk. Additional attendees include Deputy Attorney General Ziwei Zheng as Prosecutor, Board Counsel Colleen Platt and Executive Director Elisabeth Barnard.

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

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.

4. *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. *Discuss, amend, and approve Board meeting minutes for March 13 & 14, 2024. (For Possible Action)*
 - b. *Discuss, amend, and approve Board meeting minutes for March 20, 2024. (For Possible Action)*

Motioned by Smith to approve item 4 as presented., seconded by Strunk. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Public Hearing to adopt LCB File R017-24. (For Discussion and possible action)
 - a. Introduction of Regulation.

Chair Dorangricchia introduced LCB File R017-24 as received back from the Legislative Counsel Bureau. These changes were workshopped on January 30. The file was available to the public for review from before 9:00 am April 9, 2024, on.

- b. Public Comment on Regulation.

Written public comment was received from the following parties prior to the meeting: Elaine Willemse with ITEC, Ruth McGrath with ITEC, Nathan O’Hara with Fu Zu Ba, and Tori Sadiki with Professional Massage Inc. Mr. O’Hara’s written comment was received just prior to the meeting so was read into the record. All received written public comment is attached to these minutes.

Additional comment was provided by attendees at that meeting: Tori Sadiki, Vice President Professional Massage Inc, expanded on her written comments in support of the ITEC exam.

Fae Major, ITEC, commented in support of the ITEC exam and

Johnny Yep, AMO School, offered support of retaining the ITEC exam.

Elaine Willemse, International Business Development Manager for ITEC, commented in support of the ITEC qualification.

Rolando Coro, Professional Massage Inc, testified in support of the ITEC exam.

6. Board discussion and possible adoption of LCB File R017-24. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

The Board had robust discussion and consideration of the comments received with how best to balance the feedback with their mission to protect the public. Kelly Wuest, Executive Director of The Commission on Postsecondary Education, provided information on how CPE plans to work through the approval of curriculum changes for any schools affected by the increase in minimum education hours. Ms. Wuest also confirmed that the proposed changes would not necessitate any changes to the NACs enforced by CPE. Niall Rafferty and Fae Major from ITEC answered some additional questions regarding the ITEC, including confirming that Nevada is the only state in the country currently offering or accepting the ITEC.

Smith motioned to adopt LCB File R017-24 with the modification of allowing students enrolled in educational programs of massage therapy of less than 625 prior to June 30, 2024, to still qualify for licensure. Seconded by Tsanas. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Public comment.

No written general public comment was received during the course of the meeting, no meeting participants offered any public comment.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 pm.

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 **Wednesday, May 8, 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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