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Elisabeth Barnard
Executive Director
Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy
1755 E. Plumb Lane, Ste. 252
Reno, NV 89502

RE: Request for Hearing- Ping Zhang, License No. 12455

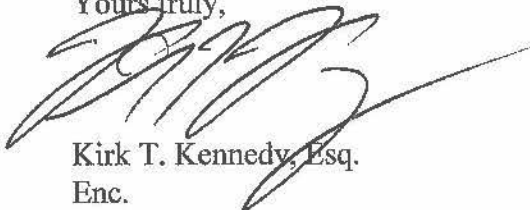
Dear Director Barnard:

Nearly a year ago, in January, 2024, we had a hearing for my client's application request to receive her massage license back from the Board following the passing of three years on her original voluntary surrender agreement. Ms. Zhang was granted a probationary license with various conditions imposed for her probation term. One of those conditions was that she could only do chair based massage performed in a public setting. See Probation Agreement.

Since receiving her restricted license, Ms. Zhang has been unable to find employment. In fact, one of the largest providers of chair based massage in Las Vegas refused to allow her any employment *because* she only had a restricted license issued by the Board. That restricted license apparently was a non-starter for that chair massage provider. This condition to only allow chair massage has essentially made her probationary license meaningless. She is unable to find any work under that specific condition and, therefore, she is not allowed to perform licensed massage services.

I am requesting your assistance to place this matter on the next available Board calendar for a hearing on this matter and on my request for a modification of her conditions to allow for regular massage (non-outcall) services with a licensed massage establishment. Please review this matter and advise if I may have a hearing scheduled to discuss this problem with the Board. Thank you.

Yours truly,



Kirk T. Kennedy, Esq.
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BEFORE THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF
MASSAGE THERAPY

In the Matter of:

ORDER FOR PROBATION

Ping Zhang,
Licensed Massage Therapist
License No. NVMT.12455

IT APPEARING on January 30, 2024, PING ZHANG (“Zhang”) appeared before the Nevada Board of Massage Therapy (“Board”) for an application review and after a review of Zhang’s application, pursuant to NAC 640C.075, the Board issued Zhang a license and immediately placed Zhang’s license on probation for a period of four (4) years beginning from Effective Date and subject to the following order.

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Zhang will attend probation orientation.
2. Zhang must report all contact with law enforcement personnel within forty-eight (48) hours after such contact occurs.
3. Zhang must submit to the Board a complete set of fingerprints annually at licensee’s expense.
4. Zhang’s employer(s) must provide employment reports every quarter to the Executive Director.
5. Zhang shall refrain from outcall services.
6. Zhang can provide chair massage that is only to be performed in a public setting.
7. Zhang shall complete two (2) hours of ethics courses in addition to required continued education.
8. Zhang must cooperate fully with the Board staff to administrate terms of her probation.
9. Zhang is responsible for all administrative fees incurred by the Board as a result of her probation compliance.
10. Zhang is to comply with all laws governing massage therapy.

- 1 11. This order shall not be construed as excluding or reducing any criminal or civil penalties or
2 sanction or other remedies that may be applicable under federal, state, or local laws.
- 3 12. Zhang's license shall be marked "Restricted" throughout the probationary period.
- 4 13. Zhang shall meet with the Board or its representatives upon request and shall cooperate
5 with representatives of the Board in her supervision and investigation of Zhang
6 compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.
- 7 14. This Order will become part of Zhang's permanent record, will become public
8 information, will be published with the list of disciplinary actions the Board has taken,
9 and may be reported to any national repository which records disciplinary action taken
10 against licensees or holders of certificates or any agency or another state, which regulates
11 the practice of massage therapy. The Board may use the Order in any subsequent hearings.
- 12 15. Zhang acknowledges that if she violates one or more of the terms of this Order, the Board
13 may revoke or invoke other appropriate discipline against her license to practice massage
14 therapy; subject only to the requirement that the Board shall, prior to such disciplinary
15 action, conduct a hearing in accordance with Chapters 233B, 622A, and 640C of the
16 Nevada Revised Statutes for the limited purpose of establishing that there has, in fact,
17 been a violation of the requirements of this Order. In the event that a violation of this
18 Order is alleged, Zhang agrees to surrender her license to the Executive Director, if so
19 requested, and refrain from practicing as a massage therapist until an entry of a final order
20 of the Board or a court of competent jurisdiction, whichever last occurs, regarding the
21 potential violation. Zhang agrees to waive her right to appeal the substantive legal basis
22 of the disciplinary action. In the event an alleged violation of this Order is taken to hearing
23 and the facts which constitute the violation are determined to be not proven, no
24 disciplinary action shall be taken by the Board.
- 25 16. In the event other misconduct is reported to the Board, this Order may be used as evidence
26 against Zhang to establish a pattern of behavior and for the purpose of proving additional
27 acts of misconduct.
- 28 17. Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy retains jurisdiction in this case until all conditions
have been met to the satisfaction of the Board.
18. This Order becomes effective upon the signature of the Board Chair ("Effective Date").

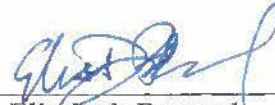
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5 Rebecca Dorangricchia, LMT
6 Board Chair

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December 18, 2024

Ping Zhang
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Re: Notice of meeting of the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy to consider your character, alleged misconduct, competence, or physical or mental health.

Dear Ms. Zhang:

In connection with your request to adjust probation terms, the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy (Board) may consider your character, alleged misconduct, competence, physical or mental health at its meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. Participants can join the meeting via Zoom or by appearing in person. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.:

You may access the meeting by going to our meetings page and follow the link to the next scheduled meeting at: <https://massagetherapy.nv.gov/>, then find the posted Zoom link.

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

Virtual access is available by registering for this meeting online:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81140143759?pwd=jEcqL1bdrvuauo4AaSVmeZxGjet55t.1>

Meeting ID: 811 4014 3759

Passcode: 140912

Join by SIP

- 81140143759@zoomcrc.com

Telephonic access to this meeting is available by dialing the number below based on the location closest to participant.

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+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Physical Location: 1755 East Plumb Lane, Suite 254, Reno, Nevada 89502

The meeting is a public meeting. You are not required to attend; however, attendance is recommended. Pursuant to NAC 640C.070 your completed investigation results may be discussed. You may choose to have an attorney or other representative of your choosing present during the meeting, present written evidence, provide

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testimony, present witnesses relating to your character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or physical or mental health. Please be aware you are one of many agenda items, and the Board may take items out of order.

If the Board determines it necessary, after considering your character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or physical or mental health whether in a closed meeting or open meeting, it may take administrative action against you at this meeting. This informational statement is in lieu of any notice that may be required pursuant to NRS 241.034. This notice is provided to you under NRS 241.033.

If you require an interpreter, please notify us by December 31, 2024, so that one may be scheduled at no cost to you.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the office at (775) 687-9955 or by emailing nvmessagebd@lmt.nv.gov.

Sincerely,



Elisabeth Barnard
Executive Director

Cc: Kirk Kennedy, Esq.