



Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

MEETING MINUTES

LOCATIONS:

This meeting of the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy took place online via Zoom, or via telephone. Persons wishing to participate in the meeting were able connect to the meeting through the link below or telephone numbers below. Persons wishing to provide public comment during the meeting could 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:

May 28, 2025, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

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

AGENDA

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 was 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 desired, 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 9:14 a.m. on May 28, 2025, by Chair Rebecca Dorangricchia. Board members in attendance included Vice Chair Paula Wilber, Secretary-Treasurer Jenn Ty, Lorna Benedict, Rosemarie Mueller, Bill Schoen, John Teng, Stephanie Tsanas, and Sgt. Evan Fincher with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police

Department participated telephonically. Additional attendees included 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.

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 attendees at the meeting offered any public comment. No written public comment was received prior to the meeting.

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 of Esti H. Sa (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Sa was present. She indicated she needs a Korean interpreter. The Board was unaware of this need prior to the meeting. Item continued to the next regular meeting to request an interpreter.

- b. Review Application of Jessica M. Williams (For Discussion and Possible Action)

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

Williams answered questions from Board members.

Schoen motioned to approve Williams application. Seconded by Tsanas. Motion carried, none opposed.

- c. Review Application of Peggy Lin (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Ms. Lin was present with legal counsel Kirk Kennedy. Wei Mai Borgel was present as Mandarin interpreter.

The application of Lin was presented for review by the Board.
Kennedy made a statement on Lin's behalf. The Board asked clarifying questions.

Wilber motioned to approve the application and immediately place the license on probation for two (2) years. Licensee to not perform outcall massage, report contact with law enforcement within 48 hours, must work at an establishment, take three hours of ethics courses in each year of probation. Seconded by Benedict. Motion passed with Schoen opposed.

5. Formal Hearing Usamat Hadfield NVMT. 7062 – Case Number NVMT-P-2500. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Hadfield was present. The Thai interpreter for this item was unable to join the meeting. Item continued to the next regular meeting.

6. Formal Hearing Erica Bai NVMT.11263 – Case Number NVMT-C-24092. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Item continued to the next regular meeting.

7. Formal Hearing Wen He NVMT.12168 – Case Number NVMT-C-25010. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Item continued to the next regular meeting.

8. Formal Hearing Fengyun Sun NVMT.11926 – Case Number NVMT-C-25016. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Item continued to the next regular meeting.

9. Formal Hearing Yang Bai NVMT.8870 – Case Number NVMT-C-25017. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Item continued to the next regular meeting.

10. Formal Hearing James M. Ferguson NVMT.11468 – Case Number NVMT-C-25023. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Deputy Attorney General Joseph Ostunio presented a voluntary surrender in lieu of other discipline for James M. Ferguson NVMT.11468 – Case Number NVMT-C-25023.

Motioned by Dorangricchia to accept the Voluntary Surrender Agreement in lieu of other discipline for NVMT.11468. Seconded by Mueller. Motion carried with none opposed.

11. Formal Hearing Hyomae Yu NVMT.8081 – Case Number NVMT-C-25014. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Deputy Attorney General Joseph Ostunio presented a voluntary surrender in lieu of other discipline for Hyomae Yu NVMT.8081 – Case Number NVMT-C-25014.

Motioned by Wilber to accept the Voluntary Surrender Agreement in lieu of other discipline for NVMT.8081. Seconded by Ty. Motion carried with none opposed.

12. Citation Appeal Asian Massage/Moon Care Wellness – Citation #22464. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Item continued to the next regular meeting.

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 April 30, 2025 (see Exhibit A). (For Possible Action)*
 - b. *Discussion and possible action regarding review and acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget versus Actual through April 30, 2025. (For Possible Action)*
 - c. *Discussion and possible action regarding review and acceptance of Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. (For Possible Action)*
 - d. *Discuss, amend, and approve revised Board meeting minutes for January 8, 2025. (For Possible Action)*
 - e. *Discuss, amend, and approve Board meeting minutes for March 12, 2025. (For Possible Action)*
 - f. *Discuss, amend, and approve Board meeting minutes for May 7, 2025. (For Possible Action)*
 - g. *Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the updated Board policy 10.1.1 Organizational Chart. (For Possible Action)*

Dorangricchia motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Mueller. Motion carried with none opposed.

14. Executive Director Report. (For Discussion)
 - a. Strategic Plan Key Indicators
 - i. Licensure and renewals

- ii. Inspection Team calendar year-to-date key indicators
 - iii. Complaints and investigations calendar year-to-date key indicators
- b. Other topics
- c. Financials, cash reserves, and anticipated upcoming expenditures.

Barnard reviewed the current numbers of licenses: Total 5,648 licenses. As of May 27, there are 5,605 massage licenses, 26 reflexologists, and 18 structural integration practitioners. There have been 105 new applications received in April and through May 25 which is an increase from our average.

Compliance Investigator Brunner gave the Board an update on inspections, complaints, and investigations for the year to date. 493 establishment inspections have been completed of 908 for the year. Giving a completion rate of 53% at almost halfway through the calendar year. Follow-up inspections are currently at 90%, although follow-up inspections are a fluid number. 260 of 325 outcall inspections have been completed, an 80% completion rate.

Investigations for the calendar year to date there are 7 open cases, 49 cases have been closed.

Barnard let the Board know that the Counsel for Licensure and Regulation (CLEAR) will be offering a virtual attendance option for their Annual Education Seminar in September if any Board members are interested.

Barnard stated that she plans to update the FY26 budget with some increasing costs that are showing up. She hopes to proceed with the approved computer equipment upgrades in August.

15. Discussion and possible action regarding adjusting rate of pay for all employees to offset PERS rate increase effective July 1, 2025. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Dorangricchia motioned to adjust the rate of pay for all employees to offset the PERS rate increase effective July 1, 2025. Seconded by Wilber. Motion carried with none opposed.

16. Discussion and possible action to authorize the presiding officer for a Board meeting to make rulings on pre-hearing motions. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Dorangricchia motioned to authorize the presiding officer of a Board meeting to make rulings on pre-hearing motions based on NRS 622A.360. Seconded by Wilber. Motion carried with none opposed.

17. Discussion and possible action regarding the 2025 Legislative Session update, including any official Board position on any legislative measure below without limitation. (For Discussion and Possible Action)
 - a. AB 120
 - b. AB 125
 - c. AB 209
 - d. AB 225
 - e. AB 264
 - f. SB 78
 - g. SB 91
 - h. SB 129
 - i. SB 274
 - j. SB 386
 - k. SB 425
 - l. Other bills and bill draft requests

Barnard reviewed the pending legislation and current status for each.

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

The Board directed Barnard to bring updated pay tables reflecting the adjustments for the PERS increase and a possible COLA for staff.

19. Public comment.

Laura Puryear of Associated Bodywork & Massage Professionals (ABMP) wrote “Thank you, all!” in the meeting chat.

20. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Notices:

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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, May 27, 2025**, 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** https://massagetherapy.nv.gov/About/Board_Meetings/2025/2025_Board_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.

Persons/facilities who want to be on the mailing list must submit a written request every six months to the Board. We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify Elisabeth Barnard at 775.687.9951 or ebarnard@lmt.nv.gov no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

In accordance with NRS 241.020, this public notice and agenda was posted on or before May 22, 2025, at the following locations:

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