

**BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**  
Professional & Vocational Licensing Division  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
State of Hawaii

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

- Date: May 5, 2021
- Time: 9:35 a.m.
- Place: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar
- Present: Olivia Nagashima, Massage Therapist, Chairperson  
Jodie Hagerman, Public Member, Vice Chairperson  
Stephanie Bath, Massage Therapist  
Amy Okura, Massage Therapist  
Risé Doi, Executive Officer (“EO”)  
Christopher Leong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)  
Jenny Yam, Executive Officer  
Rochelle Araki, Executive Officer  
Kawehi Mau, Secretary  
Christine Dela Cruz, Office Assistant (tech support)  
Stephanie Karger, Office Assistant (tech support)
- Guests: Luci Dwight  
Jayce  
Sam Wolff  
Kedin Kleinhans  
Rick Rosen
- Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”).
- A brief video explained meeting procedures and information on how members of the public can participate during the meeting.
1. Call to Order, Public Notice, Quorum: There being quorum present, Chair Nagashima called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. She conducted a roll call of Board members. All were present.
  2. Approval of Minutes of the March 11, 2021 and April 6, 2021 Chair Nagashima asked if there were any comments or concerns regarding the open session minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting. There were none.

Meetings

Vice Chair Hagerman moved and Chair Nagashima seconded to approve the open session minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting as circulated. The motion carried with Chair Nagashima, Vice Chair Hagerman, and Ms. Bath voting yes. Ms. Okura abstained.

Chair Nagashima asked if there were any comments or concerns regarding the open session minutes of the April 6, 2021 meeting.

Ms. Bath stated on Page 7, third paragraph should read "*At 11:51 a.m., Stephanie Bath lost internet connection.*"

Ms. Bath stated on Page 4, sixth paragraph, should read "Ms. Bath agreed with the comments provided by Mr. Rosen and asked that the Board reconsider the CPR qualification for infants".

Vice Chair Hagerman stated on Page 5, first paragraph, should read "Chair Nagashima stated that 23 or more states require 600 to 1,000 hours for a massage license. Chair Nagashima asked Mr. Olson whether he thought the required hours should be increased to 600 or 625 hours."

Upon a motion by Ms. Okura, seconded by Vice Chair Hagerman, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the open session minutes of the April 6, 2021 meeting as amended.

Chair Nagashima asked if there were any comments or concerns regarding the executive session minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting. There were none.

Upon a motion by Ms. Bath, seconded by Vice Chair Hagerman, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the executive session minutes of the March 11, 2021 meeting as circulated.

Chair Nagashima asked if there were any comments or concerns regarding the executive session minutes of the April 6, 2021 meeting. There were none.

Upon a motion by Ms. Bath, seconded by Vice Chair Hagerman, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the executive session minutes of the April 6, 2021 meeting as circulated.

3. Applications:

a. Ratifications

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Vice Chair Hagerman, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the ratification list.

Executive  
Session:

At 9:44 a.m., upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Ms. Okura, it was voted on and unanimously carried to move into Executive Session in accordance with HRS § 92-5(a)(1), "To consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional or vocational licenses cited in section 26-9 or both".

At 10:55 a.m., the Board moved back into open session.

Chair Nagashima conducted a roll call. All members were present.

3. Applications

b. Applications

1) Lomino Hawaii Massage School

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Vice Chair Hagerman, it was voted on and unanimously carried that based on the review of Lomino Hawaii Massage School and supporting documents, the school's curriculum meets the Board's minimum education and training hours required for an applicant to obtain a license in massage therapy. The Board directed the EO to issue an approval letter valid through the Department of Education ("DOE") licensure period from September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2023.

2) IBS School of Cosmetology and Massage

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Vice Chair Hagerman, it was voted on and unanimously carried to defer the IBS School of Cosmetology and Massage pending additional information.

3) Angela Ruccio

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Vice Chair Hagerman, it was voted on and unanimously carried to defer Ms. Ruccio's application requesting clarification of the spa hours submitted and proof of licensure in another state prior to her continuing education classes.

4) Norriah Mease

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Vice Chair Hagerman, it was voted on and unanimously carried to defer Ms. Mease's application, requesting additional documentation for HOC 200 and HOC 200B to properly classify education hours.

5) Cynthia Reilly

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Ms. Okura, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve Ms. Reilly to sit for the Hawaii Massage Therapy examination.

6) Serah Mills

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Vice Chair Hagerman, it was voted on and unanimously carried to defer Ms. Mills' application, requesting additional documentation of 14 hours in practical massage training.

7) Kenley Birkenbuel

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Ms. Bath, it was voted on and unanimously carried to defer Ms. Birkenbuel's application requesting proof of school licensure, transcripts, and course descriptions.

8) Daniel Torres

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Ms. Okura, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve Mr. Torres to sit for the Hawaii Massage Therapy examination.

4. Executive Officer's Report:

- a. SB599 SD1 HD1: Relating to Massage Therapists. Beginning July 1, 2024, requires massage therapy licensees to complete twelve hours of continuing education within the two-year period preceding the renewal date, of which two hours shall include first aid, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or other emergency related courses.

EO Doi reported HB 599 SD1 HD1 passed out of conference committee and is on its way to the Governor's office for signature.

b. Seeking two public members to join the Board of Massage Therapy

EO Doi mentioned Vice Chair Hagerman's last day serving the Board is June 30, 2021. There will be two open vacancies for public members on the Board of Massage Therapy.

c. Seeking Regulated Industries Complaints Office ("RICO") Advisory Committee members

EO Doi stated RICO is looking for members to serve on its Advisory Committee, noting applicants must be a licensed massage therapist.

5. New Business: a. Establishment of Application Review Committee

EO Doi stated an application review committee would help save time during Board meeting if applications are reviewed prior to the meeting. EO Doi noted that the number of members would need to be less than a quorum. EO Doi explained that prior to the pandemic, Chair Nagashima would help review applications in person. However, due to limited staff in office and more frequent Board meetings, it has become more difficult to schedule Chair Nagashima to review applications. Applications are not allowed to be taken from the building but can be uploaded to a secured shared folder to be reviewed. EO Doi noted that the committee will be reviewing applications for educational and training requirements. Applicants with prior convictions or disciplinary action will still be brought to the Board meeting for Board review.

Chair Nagashima asked for volunteers.

Ms. Okura volunteered to participate as member of the Application Review Committee.

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Ms. Bath, it was voted on and unanimously carried to

appoint Ms. Okura and Chair Nagashima as the members of the Application Review Committee.

b. Recommendations for Continuing Education (“CE”) rulemaking

Chair Nagashima recognized Rick Rosen.

Mr. Rosen introduced himself to the Board. Mr. Rosen stated he submitted a document which contained information about continuing education requirements from states throughout the country. Mr. Rosen stated as the Board is in the process of establishing continuing education requirements, it would be beneficial for the Board to review what other states have set in place for continuing education credentials.

Mr. Rosen stated he included a draft of the continuing education program he created for the North Carolina Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy, where Mr. Rosen acted as Chair during early 2000’s.

Mr. Rosen suggested the Board focus on the subject matter standards rather than focusing on provider approval, noting licensees are responsible to find credible providers.

Chair Nagashima asked Mr. Rosen if he had suggestions on how to validate providers that are not known by national institutions.

Mr. Rosen stated it would be up to the applicant to choose their course based on subject matter guidelines.

Ms. Bath suggested the Board explore the possibilities of accepting courses from non-accredited schools.

Mr. Rosen stated that the document is a proposal and should be tailored to the State of Hawaii.

The Board agreed to move on to the next agenda item, adding this item to the next meeting’s agenda.

*At 11:35 a.m., Vice Chair Hagerman left the meeting.*

6. Unfinished Business:

a. Rule Revisions – Title 16, Chapter 84, Hawaii Administrative Rules: The Board will discuss revisions, including sanitation rules for massage therapists and massage therapy establishments (bracketed material to be deleted, underlined material to be added):

Chair Nagashima reviewed the categories listed below:

- Applied Sciences
- Massage Theory and Practice
- Professional Development

The Board determined the breakdown for Applied Science to require 150 hours with a minimum of 40 hours anatomy and physiology, 40 hours pathology, 40 hours kinesiology, leaving 30 hours for the applicants' discretion.

Chair Nagashima moved onto Theory and Practice, noting the change in program hours from 600 to 625 hours. Theory and Practice shall include history of massage, fundamentals of massage techniques, applications and equipment, proper body mechanics, hygiene and sanitation, draping, client assessments and treatments, and professional therapeutic relationships.

Chair Nagashima stated hygiene should be included in Theory and Practice and suggested a hygiene requirement be added in Professional Development as well.

Ms. Okura stated she would like to allocate between 350 and 375 hours to Theory and Practice.

Chair Nagashima gave a breakdown of 300 hours in Theory and Practice and 100 hours in Professional Development.

The Board agreed the Professional Development section shall include communication, business development, laws and legal requirements, ethics and sanitation and with a focus on commerce.

Chair Nagashima asked if there were any further comments. There were none.

- 7. Next Meeting: June 24, 2021  
9:30 a.m.  
Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar
- 8. Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Reviewed by:

Taken by:

/s/ Risé Doi

/s/ Kawehi Mau

\_\_\_\_\_  
Risé Doi  
Executive Officer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Kawehi Mau  
Secretary

06/24/21

[  ] Minutes approved as is.

[  ] Minutes approved with changes see minutes of \_\_\_\_\_



**BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**

**ADDENDUM TO AGENDA**

May 5, 2021

**MESSAGE THERAPIST**

MAT-16598	NANETTE W GREER
MAT-16599	CAMELLE K LIU
	MARY M
MAT-16602	WALLINGFORD
MAT-16603	MARK C MEDRANO
MAT-16604	ERICA CHEN
MAT-16605	RYAN COVELL MCCOY
MAT-16606	EMI RODEN
MAT-16607	MEIMEI XUE

**MESSAGE THERAPY ESTABLISHMENT**

MAE-16601

NEW SPIRIT WELLNESS LLC

MASSAGE THERAPY WORKSHOP

***Rebecca Goff, MAE-1557***

Instructor: Rebecca Goff, MAT-5359  
Initial Course: May 21, 2021 – July 17, 2021  
912 Lanai Ave.  
Lanai City, Hawaii 96763  
Phone: (808) 359-9059

***Kekaimalino LLC, MAE-2461***

Instructor: Mariko Sato, MAT-11268  
Suzanne Wooley, MAT-6647  
Initial Course: May 24, 2021 – July 26, 2021  
116 Kamehameha Ave.  
Hilo, Hawaii 96720  
Phone: (808) 937-9621