

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: March 22, 2023

Time: 1:00 p.m.

In-Person Meeting Location: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, HI 96813

Virtual: Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

Members Present: Olivia Nagashima, Massage Therapist, Chair
Amy Erece, Massage Therapist, Vice-Chair
Darci Frankel, Massage Therapist
Jayce Arakaki, Public Member

Excused: None.

Staff Present: Risé Doi, Executive Officer (“EO”)
Christopher Leong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Kawehi Mau, Secretary

Guests: Gwen – AMHA HI Delegate
Keith C.
Miia Perez
Kelcie Yomen

Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was posted on the State electronic calendar as required by HRS section 92-7(b).

A short video regarding virtual meetings was played to explain procedures for the virtual meeting and how members of the public can participate and interact with the Board during the meeting.

Call to Order: In accordance with Act 220, SLH 2021, all Board members attending virtually confirmed that they were alone in their nonpublic location. After taking roll, a quorum was established, and Chair Nagashima called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

Approval of Minutes of the January 18, 2023 Meeting: Chair Nagashima asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Erece, seconded by Ms. Frankel, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the open and executive

session minutes of the January 18, 2023 meeting as circulated.

Recess: The Board went into recess at 1:13 p.m.

The Board moved out of recess at 1:54 p.m.

Chapter 91,
Hawaii Revised
Statutes (“HRS”)
Adjudicatory
Matters:

a. In the Matter of the License to Practice Massage Therapy of Ronald W. Masters (MAS-96-92-L) –Request for Board to lift restriction on license imposed by Settlement Agreement

Chair Nagashima asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

A majority of the Board members voted to approve Mr. Masters’ request to lift the restriction on his license imposed by settlement agreement MAS-96-92-L.

Applications: Chair Nagashima asked if anyone from the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item.

Ratification List (see attached list):

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Vice-Chair Erece, and unanimously carried to approve the attached list of individuals for licensure.

Executive
Session:

It was moved by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Ms. Frankel, and unanimously carried to enter executive session at 2:00 p.m., in accordance with HRS §92-5(a)(1), to consider and evaluate personal information relating to individuals applying for professional licenses cited in HRS §26-9 and, pursuant to HRS §92-5(a)(4), to consult with the Board’s attorney on questions and issues pertaining to the Board’s powers, duties, privileges, immunities and liabilities.

At 2:25 p.m., it was moved by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Vice-Chair Erece and unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

Applications:

1) Kelcie Yomen

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Vice-Chair Erece, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve Ms. Yomen’s request for an exam waiver.

2) Valerie Kerekes

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Vice-Chair Erece, it was voted on and unanimously carried to deny Ms.

Kerekes' request for an exam waiver.

3) Paris Oda dba Oda Ohana Chiropractic, LLC

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Vice-Chair Erece, it was voted on and unanimously carried to deny Paris Oda dba Oda Ohana Chiropractic, LLC's application for Massage Establishment for the following:

- HRS 452-24 (a) (9) Making a false statement on any document submitted or required to be filed by this chapter

4) Maui Academy of Healing Arts

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Vice-Chair Hagerman, it was voted on and unanimously carried that based on the review of Maui Academy of Healing Arts 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, 2023 through August 31, 2025.

Executive Officer's Report:

- a. Board vacancies: One (1) massage therapist to fill vacancy beginning July 1, 2023, and one (1) public member.

EO Doi mentioned Vice-Chair Erece's last day serving the Board is June 30, 2023. There will be two open vacancies for one public member and one massage therapist on the Board of Massage Therapy.

New Business:

- a. Discussion on interstate massage compact

Chair Nagashima explained that there are discussions on a national level regarding an interstate massage compact, in which massage therapists of member states may have portability of their license when practicing in other member states.

EO Doi noted that there would need to be a change in statute if Hawaii were to join the interstate compact and that there may be administrative costs. EO Doi explained that as the compact is currently drafted, Hawaii massage therapists would not be able to qualify for a multistate license since Hawaii does not accept passage of national exam like the MBLEX and Hawaii requires only 570 hours for licensure while the compact requires the applicant to complete at least 625 hours.

Vice Chair Erece expressed support for the compact and noted that the Board is planning to increase Hawaii's requirement to 625 hours. Vice Chair Erece noted it would alleviate the Board from reviewing many applications and be less burdensome for massage therapists who want to practice in more than one state. Chair Nagashima agreed and wants to continue working on the administrative rule revisions. Chair Nagashima noted that only eight states are currently part of the compact and will provide the Board with updates.

Kelcie Yomen expressed support for increasing Hawaii's education and training hours to 625 hours and praised continuing education ("CE") requirements. Ms. Yomen noted that enforcement of completing CE requirements is important.

Chair Nagashima said that discussion regarding the interstate compact can be continued at a future meeting.

Unfinished

Business: Rule Revisions – Title 16, Chapter 84, Hawaii Administrative Rules

Discussion on this item was deferred until the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

April 19, 2023
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
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335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
(Videoconference Meeting Zoom Webinar – TBD)

Adjournment:

With no further business to discuss, Chair Nagashima adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Taken by:

/s/ Kawehi Mau

Kawehi Mau
Secretary

Reviewed by:

/s/ Risé Doi

Risé Doi
Executive Officer

04/03/2023

[] Minutes approved as is.

[X] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of 4/19/23.

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ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

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MASSAGE THERAPIST

MAT-17400	Juri Takahashi
MAT-17401	Kimie Sugyo
MAT-17402	Robert Loftus
MAT-17405	Madeline V Callnan
MAT-17408	Kelly Eccles
MAT-17410	Miranda Corrine Cabero
MAT-17411	Shawn M Flynn
MAT-17412	Sara M Lauricio
MAT-17415	Miki Watanabe
MAT-17416	Jamie K Athearn
MAT-17418	Jeffrey Brian Trimble
MAT-17421	Ciara Beard
MAT-17422	Olivia J Greenwood
MAT-17423	Luke Rockney Andrews
MAT-17426	Jerome Michael Aliven Villanueva
MAT-17428	Michael Allen Choo
MAT-17429	Taylor A Thorwaldson
MAT-17430	Ray Garza
MAT-17433	Erica Noelle Rideau
MAT-17434	Eva N Chen
MAT-17435	Nicole Kaiulani Dorothee Wilson
MAT-17436	Daniel S Gagliano
MAT-17437	Joey Dewater
MAT-17438	Cassandra Monique Slee
MAT-17439	Maple Elizabeth Padme
MAT-17440	Maria L Banguilan
MAT-17441	Daniel Luttrell Pettit
MAT-17442	Alexa Manalansan
MAT-17443	Kammy E Hodges
MAT-17444	Marisa Aliitasi Tyrell
MAT-17445	Emma Rae Troyer
MAT-17447	Jessica Anne Melara

MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT

MAE-17403	Spa Uilani LLC
MAE-17404	Sof-Xi Kauai Pv Hotel L.P.
MAE-17409	Therapeutic Massage And Spa By "D" Heart LLC
MAE-17413	Kw Kona Investors, LLC
MAE-17414	Orchid Spa LLC
MAE-17417	Jie E LLC
MAE-17419	T&N Partners LLC
MAE-17420	Tao Within Wellness LLC
MAE-17424	Gw Manager LLC
MAE-17425	Cred International LLC
MAE-17427	Peace Sign Productions LLC
MAE-17446	Olelo Aloha Massage Therapy LLC

MASSAGE THERAPY WORKSHOP

Kekaimalino LLC, MAE 2461

Instructor: Mariko Sato, MAT 11268

Suzanne J. Wooley, MAT-6647

Adele Lefever, MAT-16182

Initial Course: May 22, 2023 – August 7, 2023

Location: 116 Kamehameha Ave

Hilo, HI 96720

Phone: (808) 937-9621

Willian Branden Blinn, MAE 17377

Instructor: William Blinn; MAT 3188

Initial Course: February 6, 2023 – April 11, 2023

Location: 54-405 Kapua Place

Kapaau, HI 96755

Phone: (808) 419-5867

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<p><i>Linda M. Alimboyoguen, DBA Zensations Massage Therapy, MAE 3023</i> Instructor: Linda M. Alimboyoguen, MAT 7012 Initial Course: February 15, 2023 – April 21, 2023 Location: 9917 Waimea Rd. Waimea, HI 96796 Phone: (808) 651-9492</p>	<p><i>Inquisitive LLC, MAE 3602</i> Instructor: Steven Wing Fei Lee, MAT 14572 Initial Course: May 1, 2023 – June 12, 2024 Location: 771 Amana St. Ste 201 Honolulu, HI 96814 Phone: (808) 371-3359</p>
<p><i>Danie Villena Jr., DBA Holomua Massage Academy & Training Center LLC, MAE 17329</i> Instructor: Sheilla-Mary Villena; MAT 12618 Maricar Ignacio; MAT 16028 Danie Villena Jr.; MAT 15600 Initial Course: June 5, 2023 – July 18, 2023 Location: 154 Holomua St. Suite 201 Hilo, HI 96720 Phone: (808) 987-3086</p>	<p><i>Kanya Thai Massage, MAE 3452</i> Instructor: Kanyaporn Panwong, MAT 15699 Initial Course: March 10, 2023 – June 30, 2024 Location: 1750 Kalakaua Ave. Ste. 2403 Honolulu, HI 96826 Phone: (808) 352-8794</p>
<p><i>Remedy Studio LLC, MAE 3467</i> Instructor: Leah Irimata; MAT 15408 Shanice Saito, MAT 15453 Initial Course: April 10, 2023 – June 9, 2023 Location: 1464 Lower Main St. # 103 Wailuku, HI 96793 Phone: (808) 344-7700</p>	<p><i>Frances A Parker, MAE 1821</i> Instructor: Frances A Parker; MAT 6037 Initial Course: March 12, 2023 – May 31, 2023 Location: 6637 Kamehameha Hwy. Haleiwa, HI 96712 Phone: (808) 778-7809</p>