

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: June 27, 2023

Time: 9:30 a.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: Bret Masters
James Strait
John Siletti
Mark Olson
Lynn Wind
Sean St. Louis
Lee Ann Teshima, Board of Nursing

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 9:38 a.m.

Approval of Minutes of the June 27, 2023 Chair Nagashima asked if any members of the public would like to provide oral testimony on this agenda item. There were none.

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Meeting: Chair Nagashima, noted under guest, it should read, "Gwen – [AMHA] AMTA"

Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Erece, seconded by Ms. Frankel, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the open session minutes of the June 27, 2023 meeting as amended.

Recess: The Board went into recess at 9:49 a.m.

The Board moved out of recess at 10:00 a.m.

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

a. In the Matter of the License to Practice Massage Therapy and Establishment's License of Joel Montoya aka Joel Morquecho (MAS-2017-67-L) Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order

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 above-referenced settlement agreement.

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

John Siletti introduced himself. Chair Nagashima explained that Mr. Siletti had the option of discussing his application in open session or in executive session. Mr. Siletti chose to provide his testimony during open session. Mr. Siletti stated that the felony on his record happened 20 years ago, and he has served his time. Mr. Siletti was incarcerated for two years and agreed to a plea deal to be released from incarceration to care for his father who at the time suffered a stroke.

Ratification List (see attached list):

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

Executive
Session:

It was moved by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Vice-Chair Erece, and unanimously carried to enter executive session at 10:08 a.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 10:40 a.m., it was moved by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Vice-Chair Erece and unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

Applications:

- 1) Aloha Academy of Massage Inc. dba Hawaii Massage Academy

Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Erece, seconded by Ms. Frankel, it was voted on and unanimously carried that based on the review of Aloha Academy of Massage Inc. dba Hawaii Massage Academy 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.

- 2) Quantum School of Massage

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Vice-Chair Erece, it was voted on and unanimously carried that based on the review of Quantum School of Massage 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.

- 3) Maui School of Therapeutic Massage

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Vice-Chair Erece, it was voted on and unanimously carried that based on the review of Maui School of Therapeutic Massage 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.

- 4) Hawaii Healing Arts College

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Vice-Chair Erece, it was voted on and unanimously carried that based on the review of Hawaii Healing Arts College 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.

5) John Siletti

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Vice-Chair Erece, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve Mr. Siletti’s apprenticeship application.

6) Edward Miano

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Vice-Chair Erece, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve Mr. Miano’s application to sit for the Hawaii massage exam.

Executive Officer’s Report:

a. PSI Services LLC is the massage exam provider

EO Doi mentioned that PSI Services LLC is the massage exam provider. The exam is no longer limited to four (4) times a year and is being offered on a rolling basis.

EO Doi stated since PSI Services LLC became the exam provider, the Board has received fewer complaints as there is no longer an application deadline.

Chair Nagashima asked that the FAQs on the Boards website be updated to reflect PSI Services LLC as the exam provider.

Chair Nagashima asked what the processing time is for applications.

EO Doi stated that the processing time at the licensing branch can vary from 45-60 business days, however this time may vary depending on the volume of documents received.

EO Doi went on to state that the Board does not have jurisdiction over the exam provider or control how long the test scores take to be sent to the licensing branch.

The Board asked if there is a PSI Services LLC testing site for the examination.

EO Doi stated that PSI Services LLC offers various sites for the examination.

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

EO Doi mentioned there will be vacancies for one public member and one massage therapist on the Board of Massage Therapy.

- c. Recognizing Board member Amy Erece for her service to the public

EO Doi announced that Vice-Chair Erece's term ends on June 30, 2023. EO Doi thanked Vice-Chair Erece for her valuable service to the Board and the public.

New Business:

- a. Discussion on adopting a code of ethics

EO Doi mentioned that the Regulated Industries Complaint Office ("RICO") asked if the Board has adopted a code of ethics.

EO Doi stated that adopting a code of ethics could be useful for RICO when doing investigations and when the Board is making determinations on applicants. If the Board adopts a code of ethics, the Board could cite a violation of a code of ethics if denying an application.

EO Doi provided the Board with examples of a code of ethics from the following massage organizations: American Massage Therapy Association ("AMTA"), National Certification Board of Therapeutic Massage ("NCBTMB"), and American Board of Massage & Bodywork Professionals ("ABMP").

Chair Nagashima asked Board members to review the various code of ethics presented and provide feedback at the next Board meeting. EO Doi stated it would be best if the Board adopted one code of ethics to avoid confusion for RICO.

- b. Discussion on workshop/continuing education ("CE") application

EO Doi mentioned that the Board discussed at the previous meeting creating a workshop/continuing education application.

EO Doi stated she has been getting inquiries from licensed massage therapists about wanting to conduct CE workshops.

EO Doi stated that she is currently providing the following response:

"The Board of Massage Therapy is still working on rule revisions that will determine the parameters of what kinds of CE courses will be acceptable. If you would like to provide a CE course, you are allowed to as you are a licensed massage therapist. You would just need to provide a certificate of completion. This certificate shall include the name of the attendee; name of the provider; course or program title, date, and location; and the number of CE hours. Each licensee shall be responsible for maintaining their own completion certificates in the case that they are audited."

Chair Nagashima recognized Mark Olson to speak. Mr. Olson stated that the Board should use courses that have been approved by national certifying programs such as the NCBTMB to give CE credits.

The Board moved on to agenda item 7. a. Rule Revisions – Title 16, Chapter 84, Hawaii Administrative Rules

- c. Discussion on Massage School Curriculum Letter of Hawaii State Department of Education (“DOE”) application

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

Unfinished
Rules
Business:

- a. Rule Revisions – Title 16, Chapter 84, Hawaii Administrative

EO Doi stated the draft rules currently read:

Providers of the continuing education courses shall be approved by the board and may include but is not limited to:

- (1) Massage schools approved by a state board of massage;
- (2) Nationally accredited massage certifying organizations; and
- (3) Local or national professional associations.

EO Doi asked the Board if they would like to revise the current verbiage. Chair Nagashima asked the public for input.

Chair Nagashima recognized Lynn Wind and Sean St. Louis to speak. Ms. Wind introduced herself to the Board as a licensed massage therapist who is interested in providing CE courses. Ms. Wind agreed with Mr. Olson’s earlier comment and explained the extensive application process to be approved as an NCBTMB course provider.

Mr. St. Louis introduced himself as a licensed massage therapist who is interested in providing CE courses but is not NCBTMB certified.

Mr. St. Louis stated that Hawai’i massage therapists may not know how to explore the nationally certified resources. Mr. St. Louis said that if the Board accepts only nationally certified CE providers, it is limiting of the cultural practitioners to provide CEs and pushes licensees to registering for online courses and enrolling in massage schools to complete the CE requirement.

Mr. St. Louis stated that he was unaware of the new CE requirements that were set in place, and he would need to get a national certification from NCBTMB because nonmembers are not allowed to provide CE courses.

Chair Nagashima clarified that the NCBTMB rules have changed, and CE providers no longer are required be NCBTMB members.

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Chair Nagashima shared that the cost per CE provider that are approved for a two (2) year period is \$399.

The Board agreed that they do not want to create barriers for Hawaii massage therapists who want to become CE providers. However, the Board wants to ensure that the public is protected, and those who wish to offer CE courses should be certified.

Mr. Arakaki left the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

After further discussion the board determined the new verbiage will be as follows:

Providers of the continuing education courses [~~shall be approved by the board and may~~] include [~~but is not limited to~~]:

- (1) Massage schools approved by a state board of massage;
- (2) Nationally accredited massage certifying organizations; and
- (3) Local or national professional associations.

Upon a motion by Vice-Chair Erece, seconded by Chair Nagashima, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the rule revisions as mentioned above.

b. Discussion on interstate massage compact

Chair Nagashima stated there were no updates to share on the interstate massage compact.

Next Meeting: TBD

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Chair Nagashima adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Taken by:

/s/ Kawehi Mau

Kawehi Mau
Secretary

Reviewed by:

/s/ Risé Doi

Risé Doi
Executive Officer

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[X] Minutes approved as is.

[] Minutes approved with crhanges; see minutes of _____

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ADDENDUM TO AGENDA
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MASSAGE THERAPIST

MAT-17470	EMILY MUSGRAVE
MAT-17474	VICTORIA VILLALBA
MAT-17475	RACHEL ANN OTMANOWSKI
MAT-17476	JOHN RYAN MCGUIRE
MAT-17477	EMMA SOPHIE BOYCE
MAT-17479	INGRID M MIDDLETON
MAT-17480	STEPHEN S DOSSEY
MAT-17481	CHRISTINE WOLFERS
MAT-17482	CHRISTIANE L MELLO
MAT-17483	TATIANA MARIE GURRIES
MAT-17484	ALESSANDRA MARIE MAZZOLA
MAT-17485	MISAKI VREY
MAT-17486	RYLAN C ECHALAR
MAT-17487	VANESSA C LUBRESKY
MAT-17488	MUNHEE LEE
MAT-17489	KANAKO HASHIMOTO
MAT-17490	SAKI KAWANO
MAT-17491	KENNETH-RALPH RAZON COLLO
MAT-17492	KAZUYO KOMODA
MAT-17493	HILARY NOEL HERNANDEZ
MAT-17494	KARINA ACKERT
MAT-17495	AMANDA GRACE JACKLE
MAT-17496	DE'-SHA LYNN KEHAULANI POWELL
MAT-17497	JEFFREY T SMITH
MAT-17498	HARUE SATO LEONG

MAT-17499	MICHELLE A NURSE
MAT-17500	ERIKA HOSHI
MAT-17501	CHRISTOPHER MARTINEZ
MAT-17502	YOKO TSUKAMOTO
MAT-17503	RENATA T SCORZA
MAT-17504	SUSANITA BELEN LOVE-LEE
MAT-17505	ABIGAIL ROSE TIRABASSI
MAT-17506	TOM E KONDEK
MAT-17507	JOAN VICTORIA SANDS
MAT-17508	TOMOYO IKEJIRI
MAT-17510	MENGSONG WANG
MAT-17511	TOMOKO SUZUKI
MAT-17512	MEGUMI TEZENI
MAT-17513	YUKO TSUKAHARA
MAT-17515	SHANNON OLDHAM
MAT-17516	MARCELA YZABELLE FELIPE

MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT

MAE-17466	SPA UILANI LLC
MAE-17471	KO OLINA WELLNESS INSTITUTE LLC
MAE-17472	KANAPAT LLC
MAE-17509	PACIFIC ISLANDS HEALTH CENTER LLC

MASSAGE THERAPY WORKSHOP

<p><i>Golden Lotus Studio, MAE 2659</i> Instructor: Isabella J. W. Fisher (MAT-4520) Teri Eliades, (MAT-15460) Jeffrey Scott Leiendecker, (MAT-15836) Initial Course: August 1, 2023 – November 1, 2023 Location: 4-941A Kuhio Highway Kapaa, HI 96746 Phone: (808) 823-9810</p>
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