

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 9:00 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: Jayce Arakaki, Public Member, Vice Chair
Darci Frankel, Massage Therapist
Sean St. Louis, Public Member
Shanon Skoog, Public Member

Excused: Olivia Nagashima, Massage Therapist, Chair

Zoom Recording Link: <https://youtu.be/5QbBY2A3ixM?si=cjAE2Y7XfvEjdBjB>

Staff Present: Risé Doi, Executive Officer (“EO”)
Christopher Leong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Juliet Kalilikane, Secretary
Mia Hoang, Tech Support
Johnny Li, Tech Support

Guest(s): Racquel Crayford

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 Vice Chair Arakaki called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

Approval of Minutes of the January 9, 2024 Meeting: Vice Chair Arakaki 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 Arakaki, seconded by Ms. Frankel, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the open session and executive session minutes of January 9, 2024, meeting as circulated.

Executive Officer's Report:

a. Massage therapy examination statistics

EO Doi presented the Board with the massage therapy examination statistics for January 2024 and February 2024. She agreed to follow up on the survey regarding education background for test takers through the testing site since the information is not easily matched or provided in the statistics report.

b. Update on Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 16 Chapter 84

Applications:

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

Ratification List (see attached list):

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

Executive Session:

It was moved by Vice Chair Arakaki, seconded by Ms. Frankel, and unanimously carried to enter executive session at 9:17 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 10:13 a.m., it was moved by Vice Chair Arakaki, seconded by Ms. Frankel, and unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

Sean St. Louis was unable to reconnect to the open session in Zoom. The Board waited 12 minutes, then the meeting continued with his absence at 10:25 a.m. Mr. St. Louis was excused from voting.

Applications:

1) Karma Carpenter – Exam Waiver Request

Upon a motion by Ms. Frankel, seconded by Ms. Skoog, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve Karma Carpenter's exam waiver request to sit for the Hawaii massage exam pending current CPR certification is provided to DCCA-PVL. Mr. St. Louis was excused from voting on this matter.

2) Soraya Perez – Exam Waiver Request

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Arakaki, seconded by Ms. Frankel, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve Soraya Perez to sit for the Hawaii massage exam and to deny the request for an exam waiver. Mr. St. Louis was excused from voting on this matter.

3) Manivanh Toumlamphone – Exam Waiver Request

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Arakaki, seconded by Ms. Frankel, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve Manivanh Toumlamphone's application to sit for the Hawaii massage exam and approve the request for an exam waiver. Mr. St. Louis was excused from voting on this matter.

4) Steven Ocampo

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Arakaki, seconded by Ms. Frankel, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve Steven Ocampo's application to sit for the Hawaii massage exam. Mr. St. Louis was excused from voting on this matter.

5) Kimberly Lane

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Arakaki, seconded by Ms. Frankel, it was voted on and unanimously carried to defer Kimberly Lane's application to pending submission of 115 practical massage training hours at a licensed massage school or Hawaii apprenticeship. Mr. St. Louis was excused from voting on this matter.

6) Lynard Watson

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Arakaki, seconded by Ms. Frankel, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve Lynard Watson's application to sit for the Hawaii massage exam. Mr. St. Louis was excused from voting on this matter.

New Business:

a. Regulated Industries Complaints Office (RICO): Massage Therapy Advisory Committee List

Upon a motion by Vice Chair Arakaki, seconded by Ms. Frankel it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the name on the RICO advisory list. Mr. St. Louis was excused from voting on this matter.

b. United States Department of Education gainful employment rules that may affect hours-based school programs and financing

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

EO Doi read the information from Chair Nagashima for the Board to review: "Information for us to be aware of as Board members of the State Massage Board: US Department of Education's Gainful Employment rules that went into effect in June 2023 will likely impact clock-hour programs in states that have minimum clock-hour requirements for licensure or certification, including massage therapy. Historically, clock-hour based programs have had rules for financial aid called the "150% rule." As of July 1, 2024, for massage programs to remain Title IV-eligible, program lengths must be exactly what the state requires. Schools cannot deviate from this number, or the entire program becomes ineligible for the Title IV funding. If the state currently

requires fewer than 600 education hours, states are encouraged to increase the required hours for licensure to the Entry Level Analysis Project (ELAP) of “approximately 624 hours” necessary to prepare students for entry into the profession. (While “approximately” has not been further defined, certainly somewhere in the range of 600-650 hours would qualify.). Currently, there are 23 states that require fewer than 600 hours offer licensure.

The Entry-Level Analysis Project (ELAP) was the product of the Coalition of National Massage Therapy Organizations recommendation in 2013. These guidelines were incorporated in the Model Practice Act Guidelines created by the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB).

As part of our assignment from the board meeting in January 2024, we needed to look at our HAR to determine our education hours. We can use this information in our discussions.”

EO Doi stated that Chair Nagashima wanted to share that information, and the item will be kept on the agenda for the next meeting.

Ongoing
Business:

a. Interstate Massage Therapy Licensure Compact update

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

EO Doi read the information from Chair Nagashima for the Board to review: “Currently, one state has enacted this compact: Nevada (SB161) and there are 8 more states that have legislation pending: Nebraska (LB280), Wisconsin (AB716), Ohio (SB56), Kentucky (HB77), Virginia (HB323), Georgia (HB839), Washington (HB1437), and New York (S07710).

An interstate compact is contract between two or more states that carry the force of statutory law and allows states to perform a certain action, observe a certain standard, or co-operate in a critical policy area.

Many states have reservations on some of the issues presented in the compact but the driving force in the compact was to allow for licensure/temporary licensure for a massage therapist to practice in more than one state. Currently in Hawaii, we have HRS436B-14.5 that allows a military spouse to hold a temporary massage therapy license for “at least one year and not to exceed five years, in the aggregate or the period covered under the military member’s orders of assignment in Hawaii if the license is current, active without conditions or restrictions, and the license requirements of the other jurisdiction are equivalent to or exceed those of Hawaii.”

Last year the Physical Therapists (SB668) submitted legislation for their interstate compact and this year the Nurses (HB2415) have submitted legislation. Both have not become law yet.”

b. Rule Revisions – Title 16, Chapter 84, Hawaii Administrative Rule

EO Doi noted that there is a draft currently going through the administrative process. She explained that Chair Nagashima wanted the Board to think about additional language regarding increasing the number of required education and training hours and rules to address exam misconduct.

Ms. Skoog stated she spoke with some of the schools on the topic of increasing the number of hours. She noted that the schools are not opposed to increasing the number of hours required for licensure but would like more support on exam preparation. Ms. Skoog noted that some students need additional help with studying anatomy to pass the state exam and that some students shared concerns about increasing the number of required hours for anatomy. Ms. Skoog asked whether exam resources could be provided, such as sample questions or a mock exam. EO Doi explained that the candidate bulletin lists the resources that are used to create the test items and that PSI does not provide mock exams to protect the integrity and validity of the test.

Next Meeting: May 7, 2024
9:00 a.m.

Virtual Videoconference Meeting – Zoom Webinar

and

In-Person Meeting Location: Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
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Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Vice Chair Arakaki adjourned the meeting at 10:44 a.m.

Taken by:

/s/ Juliet Kalilikane

Juliet Kalilikane
Secretary

04/08/2024

Reviewed by:

/s/ Risé Doi

Risé Doi
Executive Officer

[] Minutes approved as is.
[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____

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ADDENDUM TO AGENDA

March 5, 2024

MASSAGE THERAPIST

MAT-17725-0	Kimberly Marie Ramirez
MAT-17726-0	LYNDA SIEMON
MAT-17727-0	SHAUNTE GOUVEIA
MAT-17728-0	Jerika J Bangal
MAT-17731-0	RENEE PARKER DOUCETTE
MAT-17732-0	Jessamina Keomailani Eseta Moeoge
MAT-17733-0	James S Myers
MAT-17734-0	MAYA KEALOHA TAKABAYASHI
MAT-17735-0	Christof Gazov
MAT-17737-0	Mark Riccio
MAT-17740-0	Hasse Carlo Ratz
MAT-17742-0	Alta Mari Neerings
MAT-17743-0	SIMONE BEUMER
MAT-17744-0	Sierra Felice Norman
MAT-17746-0	ERI MAKIHARA
MAT-17747-0	JUNKO TANAKA
MAT-17748-0	Catherine Evans-Bautista
MAT-17749-0	Courtney Jean Bauman-Godsil
MAT-17750-0	Jessamy Joy Cacciatore
MAT-17752-0	Rissiena C Quiazon
MAT-17753-0	Devon M Kikukawa
MAT-17755-0	Chie Oyama
MAT-17756-0	MIHOKO KANAI
MAT-17757-0	COURTNEY E WEXLER
MAT-17758-0	Montique Veronica Anderson
MAT-17760-0	Diana Ho
MAT-17764-0	Jaclyn N Peene
MAT-17765-0	FUKA KAWASE
MAT-17766-0	SERAFIMA M Maile CARLSON
MAT-17767-0	MAIKO WATANABE
MAT-17768-0	Sky A Trapella
MAT-17769-0	Eri Sato Murakami

MASSAGE ESTABLISHMENT

MAE-17729-0	WELLNESS MASSAGE GENERATOR LLC
MAE-17730-0	HAWAII CHOI SPA LLC
MAE-17736-0	Fire Palace Inc
MAE-17738-0	My Hawaii Ai LLC
MAE-17741-0	SUNRISE MASSAGE & SPA LLC
MAE-17745-0	123 Spa LLC
MAE-17751-0	OMAJ PARTNERS LLC
MAE-17754-0	Maul Life Shala Inc
MAE-17761-0	Earth Body Balance
MAE-17762-0	KI THERAPY INC
MAE-17763-0	SOL SPA KAUA'I LLC
MAE-17771-0	THAI BANYAN MASSAGE AND SPA LLC
MAE-17729-0	WELLNESS MASSAGE GENERATOR LLC
MAE-17730-0	HAWAII CHOI SPA LLC
MAE-17736-0	Fire Palace Inc
MAE-17738-0	My Hawaii Ai LLC

MASSAGE THERAPY WORKSHOP

N/A
