

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

MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: September 17, 2024

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 Meeting

Members Present: Olivia Nagashima, Massage Therapist, Chair
Jayce Arakaki, Public Member, Vice Chair
Sean St. Louis, Massage Therapist
Shanon Skoog, Public Member

Excused: Darci Frankel, Massage Therapist

Zoom Recording Link: <https://youtu.be/XWln7SoCKOs?si=rOEFg79vS31F15qA>

Staff Present: Risé Doi, Executive Officer (“EO”)
Christopher Leong, Deputy Attorney General (“DAG”)
Marc Yoshimura, Secretary
Dawn Lee, Secretary
Johnny Li, Tech Support

Guests: Kawaiohawaiki Garran
Jeffery Leiendecker
Andrea Turner
Harsh
Nirmal Kumar Jain

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 1:07 p.m.

Election of
Officers:

Chair Nagashima opened the floor for nominations for the position of Board Chair. Chair Nagashima volunteered for the position. It was moved by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Ms. Skoog, voted on and unanimously carried to elect Olivia Nagashima as the Board's Chair.

Chair Nagashima opened the floor for nominations for the position of Board Vice Chair. Ms. Skoog nominated Jayce Arakaki.

It was moved by Ms. Skoog, seconded by Mr. St. Louis, voted on and unanimously carried to elect Jayce Arakaki as the Board's Vice Chair.

Recess:

The Board went into recess at 1:18 p.m.

The Board moved out of recess at 1:42 p.m.

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

a. In the Matter of the Massage Therapist's License of Mareena Trinnaman and the Massage Establishment's License of Saitara Thai Massage LLC; (MAS-2024-15-L) – Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Ms. Skoog, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the above-referenced settlement agreement.

b. In the Matter of the Massage Therapist's License of Thananya Owens and the Massage Establishment's License of Healthland, LLC doing business as Siam Thai Massage and Spa (MAS-2024-55-L) – Settlement Agreement Prior to Filing of Petition for Disciplinary Action and Board's Final Order

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Ms. Skoog, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the above-referenced settlement agreement.

Approval of
Minutes of the
July 2, 2024
Meeting:

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

The following correction was made to the open meeting minutes: Page 2: Under "Applications" and "Ratification List", it should read: "Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by [~~Ms. Skoog~~] Ms. Frankel, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the attached list of individuals for licensure."

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Ms. Skoog, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the open session minutes of the July 2, 2024 meeting as amended.

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Ms. Skoog, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve the executive session minutes of the July 2, 2024 meeting as circulated.

Applications:

Chair Nagashima 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 Chair Nagashima, seconded by Mr. Arakaki, 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 Mr. St. Louis, and unanimously carried to enter executive session at 1:44 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.

Mr. Arakaki left the meeting at 3:22 p.m.

At 3:33 p.m., it was moved by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Ms. Skoog, and unanimously carried to move out of executive session.

Applications:

1) Premkamal Spas LLC

Upon a motion by Mr. St. Louis, seconded by Ms. Skoog, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve Premkamal Spas LLC's massage therapy establishment application.

2) Golden Lotus Studio Kauai LLC

Upon a motion by Mr. St. Louis, seconded by Ms. Skoog, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve Golden Lotus Studio Kauai LLC's massage therapy establishment application.

3) Rafael Smith

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Mr. St. Louis, it was voted on and unanimously carried to deny Rafael Smith's application to sit for the Hawaii massage

therapy exam, pursuant to Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) 436B-19(1),(7), (9), (12), and (13); HRS 452-13(a)(3); and Hawaii Administrative Rules (“HAR”) 16-84-48(b)(2) and (3).

4) Kawaiohawaiki Garran – Exam waiver request

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Mr. St. Louis, it was voted on and unanimously carried to approve Kawaiohawaiki Garran’s application to sit for the Hawaii massage therapy exam, but deny her exam waiver request.

5) James Blair II

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Mr. St. Louis, it was voted on and unanimously carried to defer James Blair II’s application to sit for the Hawaii massage therapy exam, pending course descriptions.

6) Thai Essan Muscular Arts T.E.M.A.

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Mr. St. Louis, it was voted on and unanimously carried that based on the review of Thai Esan Muscular Arts T.E.M.A.’s application 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, pending the restoration of MAE-17822.

7) Pacific Center for Awareness and Body Work

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Mr. St. Louis, it was voted on and unanimously carried that based on the review of Pacific Center for Awareness and Body Work’s application 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. Massage Therapy examination statistics

EO Doi presented the massage therapy exam statistics for June 2024, July 2024, and August 2024. The total pass rate increased from June to August.

b. Update on Hawaii Administrative Rules Title 16 Chapter 84

EO Doi explained that she received approval to proceed with the public hearing notice for the rule revisions. She is working on a draft of the public hearing notice with DAG Leong and said that the notice needs to be posted 30 days before the hearing. EO Doi is trying to meet the deadline so that the public hearing can be held in November, same day prior to the regular Board meeting.

New Business:

a. Permitted Interaction Group (“PIG”) report on PSI Services and discussion of massage exam items

Chair Nagashima reported that she met with Gina Hoffman from PSI Services, and they were able to add more items to the question bank. Chair Nagashima noted that more items are needed, and she needs additional help. EO Doi noted that Ms. Frankel is unable to participate in the PIG at this time and explained that Ms. Frankel is okay with being replaced by another member for the PIG. Chair Nagashima asked if Mr. St. Louis would be willing to participate in the PIG. Mr. St. Louis agreed.

Upon a motion by Chair Nagashima, seconded by Ms. Skoog, it was voted on and unanimously carried to have Mr. St. Louis replace Ms. Frankel in the PIG.

Unfinished Business:

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

EO Doi noted that Ms. Skoog submitted a draft with suggested revisions. Chair Nagashima requested that the Board members continue to work on the sections of the rules that they were assigned in the previous meeting. The subchapters are assigned as follows:

Mr. Arakaki- Subchapter 2 Applications

Ms. Skoog- Subchapter 7 Examination; Subchapter 4 Establishment Conditions

Ms. Frankel- Subchapter 3 Principal Massage Therapist; Subchapter 4 Establishment Conditions

Mr. St. Louis- Subchapter 11 Advertising

Chair Nagashima- Subchapter 1 General Provisions (definitions); Subchapter 6 Apprentices; Subchapter 12 Massage Students

Next Meeting:

November 13, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room

HRH King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
(Videoconference Meeting Zoom Meeting – TBD)

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Chair Nagashima adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.

Taken by:

Reviewed by:

/s/ Risé Doi

/s/ Risé Doi

Risé Doi
Executive Officer

Risé Doi
Executive Officer

10/7/2024

[X] Minutes approved as is.

[] Minutes approved with changes; see minutes of _____

ADDENDUM TO AGENDA
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MESSAGE THERAPIST

MAT-17885	Mose Lemi
MAT-17887	Claire E Amelotte
MAT-17888	Amornthep Suanpan
MAT-17890	Monica M Szczupider
MAT-17891	Crystal S Funke
MAT-17892	Anna L G Piianaia
MAT-17893	Yuki Lopez
MAT-17894	Michael C Branch
MAT-17895	Jacquelyn L Troller
MAT-17897	John A Q Amoguis
MAT-17898	Corrine A Sharp
MAT-17899	Kati Lyn Moch
MAT-17900	Garry L Wakely
MAT-17901	Koaalii R A Gibson
MAT-17902	David B Blum
MAT-17904	Chonnikarn Suesat
MAT-17905	Justin K K Lopez
MAT-17906	Motoko Kuroda
MAT-17907	Michelle A Tarajcak
MAT-17908	Mai Egawa
MAT-17909	Elena G Apetri
MAT-17910	Kaile A. M. Maratita
MAT-17912	Marc A Rodriguez
MAT-17913	Hitomi Yamamoto
MAT-17914	Jemaimha Lung-Gat
MAT-17915	Gingerly S Chapin
MAT-17916	Brandon M Glimsdahl
MAT-17917	Nicole H Texeira
MAT-17919	Amanda R Basenback
MAT-17920	Eric D Pajdak
MAT-17921	Cierra Tanicala
MAT-17922	Jason Louis Rios
MAT-17923	Leila Viana Parreira
MAT-17924	Lindsey Ballyhoo
MAT-17925	Kori A Flint
MAT-17927	Moon Li
MAT-17928	Thomas A Alkire
MAT-17929	Julie A Lefmann
MAT-17930	Yumiko Lum
MAT-17931	Ericka R Velasco
MAT-17932	Shoko Hayashi

MAT-17933	Michelle Carpenter
MAT-17934	Nick A Lautieri
MAT-17935	Elise M Wetherholt
MAT-17936	Naomi N Melamed
MAT-17938	Terrill J K A Williams
MAT-17939	Susan S Paikuli-Stride
MAT-17940	Michelle M Schuler
MAT-17941	Simone Klara Denzinger-White
MAT-17944	Kaylie Jo Ward
MAT-17945	Dylan Feehan
MAT-17947	Malia A Reason
MAT-17948	Kelcie Rapoza
MAT-17949	Cory Ikaika Wells
MAT-17950	Roman A Daves
MAT-17951	Theresa P Dahl
MAT-17955	Tarek M Albizem
MAT-17956	Manuel A Marquez
MAT-17957	Rain K Skyles
MAT-17958	Heather C Heffernan
MAT-17959	Aya O Nappa
MAT-17960	Alicia Benvenuto-O'Donnell
MAT-17961	Ivyl B Sliney
MAT-17962	Brianna Baca
MAT-17963	Devin-Jacob Estrada
MAT-17964	Gavin S Scarbrough-Kidd
MAT-17965	Jiaying T Feng
MAT-17966	Tatiya M Berger
MAT-17967	John K McGowan
MAT-17968	Brittany M Peckham
MAT-17969	Rui H Zhang
MAT-17970	Jennifer A Clark
MAT-17971	Kaori Hakata

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MESSAGE ESTABLISHMENT

MAE-17868	Hawaii Raised LLC
MAE-17882	PT Hawaii INC
MAE-17884	The Skin Sage Spa LLC
MAE-17896	CHG SPA 001, LLC
MAE-17903	Fantastic Spa LLC
MAE-17911	Elevate Wellness Kauai LLC
MAE-17926	Hilo Thai Massage
MAE-17937	Loveable Creation INC
MAE-17942	North Shore Bay TRS LLC
MAE-17943	Blue Hawaii Massage LLC
MAE-17946	Lola Beauty Allure LLC
MAE-17953	Hanapepe Body Atelier LLC
MAE-17954	Mo'ohina Wellness LLC

MESSAGE THERAPY WORKSHOP

<p><i>Aloha Massage Academy, MAE 16678</i> Instructor: Angela Leslee, MAT 4052, Elizaveta Salnikova MAT 15841 Initial Course: Oct. 14, 2024 – Dec. 19, 2024 Location: 79-7411 Mamalahoa Hwy, Kainaliu, HI 96750 Phone: (808) 937-6019</p>
<p><i>Kanya Thai Massage LLC, MAE 3452</i> Instructor: Kanyaporn Panwong, MAT 15699 Initial Course: Sept. 15, 2024 – Sept. 15, 2025 Location: 1750 Kalakaua Ave Ste. 2403 Honolulu, HI 96826 Phone: (808) 352-8714</p>
<p><i>Knead Professional Massage, MAE 3148</i> Instructor: Hazelyn Uy Stamm, MAT 13820 Initial Course: August 6, 2024 – June 30, 2026 Location: 94-916 Waipahu St. Ste. B Waipahu, HI 96707 Phone: (808) 688-1808</p>
<p><i>Knead Professional Massage, MAE 3148</i> Instructor: Elizabeth Samala, MAT 16012 Initial Course: August 6, 2024 – June 30, 2026 Location: 94-916 Waipahu St., Ste. B Waipahu, HI 96797 Phone: (808) 688-1808</p>

<p><i>Holomua Massage Academy & Training Center LLC, MAE 17329</i> Instructor: Danie Villena Jr., MAT 15600, Sheilla-Mary Villena, MAT 12618 Initial Course: Sept. 4, 2024 – Dec. 13, 2024 Location: 94-916 Waipahu St. Ste. B Waipahu, HI 96707 Phone: (808) 987-3086</p>
<p><i>Kekaimalino LLC, MAE 2461</i> Instructor: Mariko Sato, MAT 11268, Adele Lafever, MAT 16182 Initial Course: Sept. 30, 2024 – Nov. 25, 2024 Location: 116 Kamehameha Ave. Hilo, HI 96720 Phone: (808) 937-9621</p>
<p><i>Ho'ola Massage Academy, MAE-17527</i> Instructor: Christopher Musslewhite MAT 13028 Initial Course: Sept. 1, 2024 – Sept. 30, 2024 Location: 249 E Kahaopea St. Hilo, HI 96720 Phone: (808) 785-9296</p>
<p><i>R Haunani Hopkins dba Mapuna Wai Ola, MAE 1744</i> Instructor: Rene Haunani Hopkins MAT 5099, Claudia Brullhardt MAT-14836, Katharina Torreiter MAT-11078 Initial Course: Sept. 3, 2024 – Nov. 9, 2024 Location: 79-7256 Nahenahe Loop, Honalo, HI 96740 Phone: (808) 896-0572</p>