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Open Session Minutes Meeting of the Arizona State Board of Massage Therapy

Monday, March 27, 2023
Held via videoconferencing

Board Members

Angela M. Reiter, LMT, BC – Chair
Myriah Mhoon – Vice-Chair
Bailey S. DeRoest
Michael K. Tapscott, LMT
Vacant, Public Member

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Reiter called the Board's meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

The following Board members participated in the virtual meeting: Chairwoman Reiter, Vice-Chairwoman Mhoon, Ms. DeRoest and Mr. Tapscott.

ALSO PRESENT

The following Board staff and Assistant Attorney(s) General participated in the virtual meeting: Executive Director Tom Aughterton, Investigator David Elson, Licensing Specialist Paul Schuldt and Licensing Administrator Tony Wilcox. Assistant Attorney General ("AAG") Jeanne Galvin participated in the virtual meeting.

III. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

Michelle Cordero, Education Director, ASIF Massage Education, addressed the Board during the Call to the Public requesting the Board to consider amending A.A.C. R4-15-301(b).

IV. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – A.R.S. § 38-503

None.

V. REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 27 meeting recordings available at website; minutes preparation and approval pending.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Steve Moortel, Arizona AMTA, Strategies 360, Phoenix, AZ offers 2023 Arizona Legislature issues update.

VII. ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Formal Interview(s)

Vacant.

B. Formal Hearing(s)

Vacant.

C. Investigative Review(s) – to include possible cease and desist order and/or referral to local law enforcement.

(1) 22-285 Christopher Esteen LMT 24771

MOTION: Chairwoman Reiter moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3).

SECOND: Mr. Tapscott

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Reiter, Vice-Chairwoman Mhoon, Ms. DeRoest and Mr. Tapscott.

VOTE: 4-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:13 a.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:25 a.m.

No legal action was taken by the Board during Executive Session.

MOTION: Chairwoman Reiter moved for the Board to table this matter until additional information becomes available.

SECOND: Mr. Tapscott

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Reiter, Vice-Chairwoman Mhoon, Ms. DeRoest and Mr. Tapscott.

VOTE: 4-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

(2) 23-015 Seth Bradley LMT 06975P

Complainant RH participated in the virtual meeting during the Board's consideration of this matter.

MOTION: Chairwoman Reiter moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session to obtain legal advice pursuant to A,R,S. § 38-431(A)(3).

SECOND: Mr. Tapscott

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Reiter, Vice-Chairwoman Mhoon, Ms. DeRoest and Mr. Tapscott.

VOTE: 4-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 9:42 a.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:52 a.m.
No legal action was taken by the Board during Executive Session.

MOTION: Ms. DeRoest moved for the Board to table this matter to obtain additional information and invite the Respondent to appear before the Board.

SECOND: Vice-Chairwoman Mhoon

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Reiter, Vice-Chairwoman Mhoon, Ms. DeRoest and Mr. Tapscott.

VOTE: 4-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

(3) 23-018 Lisah Bao LMT 27615

The Detective involved in the criminal case participated in the virtual meeting during the Board's consideration of this matter.

MOTION: Mr. Tapscott moved for the Board to enter into Executive Session to obtain legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431(A)(3).

SECOND: Chairwoman Reiter

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Reiter, Vice-Chairwoman Mhoon, Ms. DeRoest and Mr. Tapscott.

VOTE: 4-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 10:08 a.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 10:26 a.m.

No legal action was taken by the Board during Executive Session.

MOTION: Mr. Tapscott moved for the Board to offer a Consent Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Licensure, to proceed to Formal Interview, and to initiate an investigation to determine whether there are additional charges that have not been reported to the Board as required.

SECOND: Chairwoman Reiter

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Reiter, Vice-Chairwoman Mhoon, Ms. DeRoest and Mr. Tapscott.

VOTE: 4-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

D. License Application(s) Requiring Board Review

(1) 22-194 Stephanie Tiefry

Respondent participated in the virtual meeting during the Board's consideration of this matter.

MOTION: Mr. Tapscott moved for the Board to grant licensure based on the information presented at this meeting as well as the findings of fact and statutory violations identified in the investigative report, upon meeting all licensure requirements.

SECOND: Vice-Chairwoman Mhoon

VOTE: The following Board members voted in favor of the motion: Chairwoman Reiter, Vice-Chairwoman Mhooon, Ms. DeRoest and Mr. Tapscott.

VOTE: 4-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 0-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

E. Disciplinary Monitoring Updates

Vacant.

VIII. BOARD INVESTIGATOR REPORT

- A. Board review, discussion and possible action on the monthly investigative activity report by State Board Investigator David Elson, detailing the current status of submitted administrative case investigations.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

X. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS FOR FUTURE MASSAGE BOARD AGENDAS

- Licensure requirements relating to Continuing Education ("CE") hours.
- Licensure renewal for applicants that have applied after so long of going to school.

The next Board meeting date:

Monday, April 24, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.; to be held via videoconference.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board's meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.