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

Monday, May 22, 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 9:05 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

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 also 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 clarification regarding license renewal effective dates.

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

None.

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

Approval of State Board Regular Meeting Minutes for March 27, 2023.

MOTION: Chairwoman Reiter moved for the Board to approve the March 27, 2023 Regular Session Meeting Minutes.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

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

VII. ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Formal Interview(s)

(1) 23-108 Lisha Boa LMT #27615

Respondent was not present during the Board's consideration of this matter.

MOTION: Chairwoman Reiter moved for the Board to refer this matter to Formal Hearing based on the information presented and the information contained in the Investigative Report.

SECOND: Mr. Tapscott

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

VOTE: 3-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

B. Formal Hearing(s)

Vacant.

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

(1) 23-024 Lisha Boa LMT #27615

Respondent was not present during the Board's consideration of this matter.

MOTION: Chairwoman Reiter moved for the Board to refer this matter to Formal Hearing based on the information presented and the information contained in the Investigative Report for Respondent's failure to report to the Board as required by statute, and to consolidate this case with case number 23-018.

SECOND: Mr. Tapscott

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

VOTE: 3-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

D. License Application(s) Requiring Board Review

(1) 23-038A Karen Weisser

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

MOTION: Chairwoman Reiter moved for the Board to grant licensure upon meeting all licensure requirements.

SECOND: Ms. DeRoest

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

VOTE: 3-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 1-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

E. Disciplinary Monitoring Updates

Vacant.

VIII. SPECIAL REPORT BY BOARD INVESTIGATOR

- A. Report on the special national board investigators' briefing at the FSMTB's Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado on April 26-28, 2023.

IX. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Board Operations Updates: Database conversion (Thentia), Budget Request for FY 2025, Arizona Auditor General Sunset Audit; Level-One DPS Clearance Card compliance procedures.

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

- Clarification in relation to license renewal effective dates.
- Clarification regarding licensure files of applicants that are not granted licensure.
- Consideration of possibly seeking support from Arizona-based massage therapy schools for the Board to receive specific funding to allow the creation of a staff liaison to work between the Board and schools to assist students preparing to apply for Arizona licensure.

The next Board meeting date:

Monday, June 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.; to be held via videoconference.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board's meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.