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

Monday, November 28, 2022
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-Chair 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") Seamus Monaghan 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 regarding her request for the Board to reconsider the English language requirement for Arizona licensure.

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

None.

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

- A. Discussion and approval of the Massage Board Open Minutes from October 31, 2022

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

- A. Presentation by Deborah Kimmet M.S., CMBE, LMT, BCTMB, CPT, CES, Executive Director, LMT Body Politic. Briefing on organized human trafficking and prostitution in Arizona, and known effects on state's massage industry and the public's protection.

VII. ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Formal Hearing(s)

Vacant.

B. Formal Interview(s)

Vacant.

C. Investigative Review(s) – Including possible acceptance of proposed Consent Agreements and/or continuation of complaint investigation(s).

- (1) 22-252 Joshua Burns, LMT-16628

MOTION: Chairwoman Reiter moved for the Board to accept the proposed Consent Agreement for Voluntary Surrender of Licensure.

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.

- (2) 22-279 (Confidential Case Name)

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Mhoon moved for the Board to direct staff to continue the investigation in this matter.

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) 22-259 Xue Wang

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

MOTION: Chairwoman Reiter moved for the Board to continue this matter to its next meeting scheduled for December 19, 2022 and to invite the Detective to appear before the Board for questioning.

SECOND: Ms. DeRoest

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) 22-274 Yan Gao
- (3) 22-275 Xiaomei Wang
- (4) 22-276 Anhua Li
- (5) 22-277 Wenling Zhu

MOTION: Chairwoman Reiter moved for the Board to continue item numbers 2-5 for further investigation and to agendaize for the Board's December 19, 2022 meeting.

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.

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

- DPS Level-One fingerprint clearance cards and concerns relating to applicants graduating after January 1, 2023.
- Granting the Executive Director the authority to close cases.

The next Board meeting date:

Monday, December 19, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.; to be held via videoconference.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Board's meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.