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**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
Monday, March 25, 2024 9:00 a.m.**

**To join the recorded and archived
video meeting, *click this link:***

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Information concerning the Board’s Agenda, including a copy of the Agenda and any amendments, can be obtained at the Board’s office, through the Board’s website at <https://massagetherapy.az.gov/board-meetings> or by contacting Board staff at info@massageboard.az.gov. The Agenda is subject to change up to 24 hours prior to the meeting. Agenda items are noted by number and letter for convenience and reference. The Board may address the agenda items in any order within the time frame indicated, and may set over matters to a later time when necessary. The Board reserves the right to change the order of the agenda items, except for matters set for a specific time.

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Tom Aughterton, Executive Director

March 12, 2024

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Monday, March 25, 2024
9:00 a.m. Board Meeting Agenda
(Meeting conducted online, recorded and archived)
Amended 03/20/2024 at 12:42pm

► Arizona licensees attending this full Board meeting may apply for 3 hours of continuing education (CE) credit, once biennially, using temporary sign-in link provided at the State Board website before the meeting.

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In accordance with the Open Meeting Law, the Board has a civility policy that prohibits any type of disorderly conduct that disrupts the Board from carrying out its business. Individuals found violating this policy will be asked to modify their behavior and act civilly, and if the disorderly conduct continues, the person may be removed from the virtual meeting.

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I. CALL TO ORDER – Chair

II. ROLL CALL – Chair/Staff

III. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – Chair

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), the Board may make an open call to the public during a public meeting, subject to reasonable time, (two minutes), place, and manner restrictions, to allow individuals to address this public body on any issue within the jurisdiction of the public body. However, Members of the Board are not allowed to respond, discuss or take legal action on matters raised during an open call to the public, unless the matters are first properly noticed for discussion and legal action. The Board, however, may ask staff to subsequently review a matter or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda.

IV. DECLARATION OF BOARD MEMBER CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, PER A.R.S. § 38-503 – Chair Calls on Board Members

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

A. Approval of October 23, 2024 Board meeting minutes.

VI. SPEAKER PRESENTATION; REPORT

Ms. Mara Concordia, Chair, MTB Industry Issues Advisory Committee
Q & A from Board members

VII. SPEAKER PRESENTATION; REPORT

Chris Muller-Tabanera, Chief Strategy Officer | The Network.

Presentation on the national crisis of Human Trafficking and its threat to the public and America's massage industry.

VIII.. ITEMS FOR BOARD REVIEW, DISCUSSION, POSSIBLE ACTION - Chair

Upon a vote of the majority of a quorum, the Board may go into Executive Session, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2) to discuss or consider records exempt, by law, from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law.

A. Formal Board Hearings

None

B. Formal Board Interviews

None

C. Board Investigative Reviews

- (1) Mark Walker, MT-27398 Expired 07/18/2023
- (2) Stayzha Lee, MT-25409
- (3) Rachel Schuetz, MT-11200

D. License Applications Requiring Board Public Review

- (1) Michael Wilhalme, Applicant

E. Board Disciplinary Monitoring Updates

None

IX. REPORT BY STATE BOARD INVESTIGATOR – Chair

Monthly activity status report on incoming State Board complaints and current ongoing investigations working with Arizona state and local law enforcement - **Investigator David Elson**

Q & A from Board members.

X. **NEW STATE BOARD POLICY ON EARLIER NATIONAL BACKGROUND PROCESSING CHECK: - Chair, Investigator David Elson**

(1) Q & A from Board members.

XI. **REPORT BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Chair**

(1) Q & A from Board members.

XII. **DISCUSSION, REVIEW AND PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Chair, Board Members:**

Audio recordings for all Board are available online at State Board website under “Meetings” by calendar meeting date.

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The next monthly Arizona Massage Therapy Board meeting is scheduled for:

May 20, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., held virtually.

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XIII. **BOARD MEETING ADJOURNMENT.**

IVX. **POST-MEETING NEW BOARD MEMBER TRAINING BY ARIZONA ATTORNEY GENERAL’S OFFICE. (SESSION SCHEDULED FOR BOARD MEMBER BOB KOVITZ, AND THIS TOPIC BRIEFING IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND WILL BE VIRTUALLY BROADCAST).**