

# STATE OF ALASKA

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS

### MINUTES OF MEETING June 15, 2015

**The staff of the Division of Corporations, Business & Professional Licensing prepared these draft minutes. They have not been reviewed or approved by the Board.**

By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled teleconference meeting of the Board Massage Therapists was held on June 15, 2015, at the State Office Building, 333 Willoughby, 9<sup>th</sup> floor, Conference Room B, Juneau, Alaska.

**Monday, June 15, 2015**

#### **Agenda Item - Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chairperson Amanda Unser.

Those present, constituting a quorum of the Board:

Amanda Unser, Licensed Massage Therapist  
Traci Gilmour, Licensed Massage Therapist  
Ron Gibbs, Licensed Massage Therapist  
David Edwards-Smith, Licensed Massage Therapist  
Shirley Nelson, Public Member

In attendance from the Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development, Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing, were:

Susan Johnson, Licensing Examiner  
Karen Hudson, Licensing Supervisor  
Sara Chambers, Division Operations Manager  
Janey Hovenden, Division Director  
Jun Maiquis, Regulations Specialist  
Todd Araujo, Assistant Attorney General

Elizabeth Pearch, Public  
Jill Motz, Public  
Lisa Hunt, Public  
Ed Toal, Public  
Carrie Lober-Miller, Public

**Agenda Item – Review/Amend Agenda**

Chairperson Unser asked the Board to review the agenda. Traci Gilmour requested that time was added for Todd Araujo to speak.

**Upon a motion made by Shirley Nelson and seconded by David Edwards-Smith and approved unanimously, it was:**

**RESOLVED to approve the agenda as amended.**

**Agenda Item – Review Draft Regulations**

During the review of the draft regulations, the Board made the following changes:

**Upon a motion made by Ron Gibbs and seconded by David Edwards-Smith and approved by all Board members, it was:**

**APPROVED to change the wording of 12 AAC 79.100 (2) to read: *a certified transcript sent directly to the department from one of the following board-approved massage school accrediting agencies.***

**Upon a motion made by Ron Gibbs and seconded by Traci Gilmour and approved by all Board members, it was:**

**APPROVED to change the wording of 12 AAC 79.100 (3) to read: *verification of having passed the Board Certification Examinations for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork administered and governed by the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (MBLEX). Prior to 2/1/2015, the Board will accept verification from National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB) or Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (MBLEX); on or after 2/1/2015, the Board will accept verification from the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (MBLEX) only.***

**Upon a motion made by Traci Gilmour and seconded by Ron Gibbs and approved by all Board members, it was:**

**APPROVED to change the wording of 12 AAC 79.210 (2) to read: *for a biennial licensing period that begins on or after July 1, 2017, must document at least 24 continuing education credits.***



**Agenda Item - Discuss Public Comments Regarding Fees**

The Board discussed the concerns of licensees that were reflected in public comments. Based upon these comments a motion was made to reduce the fees.

**Upon a motion made by Traci Gilmour and seconded by Ron Gibbs to propose a reduction of licensing fees by \$100. The motion did not pass. There was a roll call vote:**

YES	NO
Traci Gilmour	David Edwards-Smith
	Amanda Unser
	Shirley Nelson
	Ron Gibbs

**Upon a motion made by Amanda Unser and seconded by Traci Gilmour to propose a reduction of licensing fees by \$50. The motion passed. There was a roll call vote:**

YES	NO
Amanda Unser	Shirley Nelson
Traci Gilmour	
David Edwards-Smith	
Ron Gibbs	

**Agenda Item - Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date will be July 22-23, 2015. The meeting location will be 550 W 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 104, Anchorage, AK. Oral testimony will be at 1PM. Members of the public must be signed up by 1PM in order to present their testimony.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Susan Johnson, Licensing Examiner

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Date

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Amanda Unser, Chair

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Date