

State of Alaska
Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing

BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
December 12th, 2016

By authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a scheduled meeting of the Board of Massage Therapy was held as a teleconference on Monday, December 12th 2016 at 11:45 a.m.

December 12th, 2016:

Agenda Item **Call to Order** **Time: 11:45 a.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, David Edwards-Smith at 11:45 a.m.

Board Members Present, constituting a quorum: (*telephonically*)

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

Division Staff Present:

- Dawn Hannasch, Occupational Licensing Examiner (*telephonically*)

Members from the public:

No members of the public were present

Agenda Item 1 **Review/approve the agenda**

Chairperson David Edwards-Smith initiated discussion on reviewing the agenda for December 12th 2016.

On a motion duly made by Amanda Unser, seconded by Ron Gibbs, and approved unanimously, it was:

RESOLVED to approve the agenda as written.

Agenda Item 2 **Ethics reporting**

46 There were no ethics violations or concerns reported

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49 **Agenda Item 3 Discussion on Statue and Regulations**

50 The Board entered into a discussion on the change of requiring 625 hours instead of 500 hours for accredited
51 Massage Therapists. They will look into this further to see if this will require a regulations change or statute
52 change. The Board will request assistance from Sara Chambers and Jun Maiquis on this subject. It was also
53 mentioned that application forms would need to be updated if any changes are made.

54 A motioned by Traci Gilmour regarding reciprocity language for the 500 hours was suspended until more
55 information can be provided.

- 56 • The regulations work sheet that was completed by each Board member was reviewed and each
57 matter discussed as needed. The outcome of this discussion gave evidence that the Boards intentions
58 for regulation and statutory changes are in line with the Boards appointed responsibilities of public
59 protection.
- 60 • The Board reviewed the language that was purposed for the statutory addition regarding the licensing
61 of massage establishments. Formatting and a few typos were pointed out. David Edwards-Smith with
62 correct these and send the updated draft to Dawn Hannasch for distribution to the Board.
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64 At this time, the Board moved into discussing the need to have one member of the Board available at all
65 times during Legislative Session. This Board member will need to be able to fly to Juneau up to 3 times
66 during session to meet with law makers, testify and provide valuable information face to face on behalf of the
67 Board. The Board also discussed the process that their Statute change request must go through to become
68 law. At this time the Board has received support from Representative’s Keto and Wilson.
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70 **On a motion duly made by Amanda Unser, seconded by Ron Gibbs, and approved unanimously, it**
71 **was:**

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73 **RESOLVED to appoint David Edwards-Smith as the Boards representative during**
74 **legislative session and to travel to Juneau up to 3 times, 1 business day each, during session as**
75 **needed.**

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78 Amanda Unser left the meeting at 12:00, a quorum was maintained.

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80 **Agenda item 4 Administrative Business**

- 81 • Task list

Task	Status	Comments
Amanda Unser and Traci Gilmour will provide the Board with a “play by play” of the Legislative process. Dawn Hannasch will distribute to the Board		
David Edwards-Smith will correct the statute language for the establishment license and provide		

the statute language for the establishment license and provide to Dawn Hannasch to distribute to the Board.		
David Edwards-Smith will compile all of the information from the regulations work sheet.		
David Edwards-Smith will follow up with Sara Chambers regarding the statute change language and the 500 hour regulations change.		

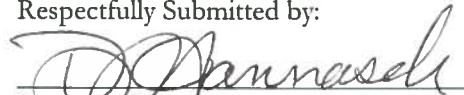
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Agenda Item Adjourn

Upon a motion made by Amanda Unser and seconded by Shirley Nelson, with unanimous approval

It was RESOLVED to adjourn at 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Dawn Hannasch
Occupational Licensing Examiner

Approved by:



David Edwards-Smith, Chair
Alaska State Board of Massage Therapy