

1 STATE OF ALASKA
2 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
3 DIVISION OF CORPORATIONS, BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
4 BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS

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6 MINUTES OF MEETING
7 October 23, 2020
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9 By the authority of AS 08.01.070(2) and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62 Article 6, a scheduled
10 meeting of the Board of Massage Therapists was held via videoconference and at State Office Bldg., 9th Floor,
11 Conference Room B, October 23, 2020.

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13 **Item 1. Call to Order/Roll Call**
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15 The meeting of the Board of Massage Therapists was called to order by Chair David Edwards-Smith, at 9:08 a.m.
16 Members present were:

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18 **Item 1. Roll Call**
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20 **Board Members Present, constituting a Quorum:**
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22 David Edwards-Smith, Massage Therapist, Chairperson
23 Julie Endle, Public Member
24 Jill Motz, Massage Therapist
25 Kristin Tri, Massage Therapist
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27 **Excused from Attending**
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29 Traci Gilmour, Massage Therapist
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31 **Present from the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing were:**
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33 Cynthia Spencer, Records & Licensing Supervisor
34 Greg Francois, Chief Investigator
35 Michael Bowles, Investigator
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37 **Members of the Public Present:**
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39 None in attendance
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41 **Item 2. Review/Amend Agenda**
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43 Board Chair, David Edwards-Smith asked the board if there were any amendments to the agenda. Hearing no
44 requests for amendments; the agenda was approved.
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46 **Item 3. Ethics Disclosure**
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48 The Board reviewed the provided ethics information. There were no ethics violations reported.
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50 Cynthia Spencer reported that she had informed Jill Motz that she could choose to recuse herself from the
51 investigative discussion due to her limited involvement in the case as advised by Greg Francois, Chief
52 Investigator. Ms. Motz elected to remain and participate.

Item 4. Investigative Report – Summary Suspension

On a motion duly made by Julie Endle, seconded by Jill Motz, and approved unanimously, it was

RESOLVED to enter Executive Session under the authority of AS 44.62.310(C) for the purpose of discussing (2) subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character or any person, provided the person may request a public discussion.

Chair Edwards-Smith polled the Board. Hearing no disagreements, all attending board members and staff entered executive session.

The Board entered executive session at 9:11 a.m., and returned from executive session at 9:26 a.m.

On a motion duly made by Julie Endle, seconded by Kristin Tri, and approved by roll call vote, it was

RESOLVED to adopt the Summary Suspension for case 2020-000252, 000801, 000803, 000805, 000855, Jason Allan Karpinski.

Roll Call Vote

NAME	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	Not in attendance
David Edwards-Smith	X			
Julie Endle	X			
Traci Gilmour				X
Jill Motz	X			
Kristin Tri	X			

THE MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

Greg Francois thanked the board for pulling together a meeting on such short notice. Chief Francois reminded the board that this is still an ongoing investigative matter and that board members should not discuss any aspect of this case.

Jill Motz stated Investigator Bowles should be recognized for how well he has handled such a large case. The board agreed with Ms. Motz. Investigator Bowles thanked the board and stated he has a great supervisor, Investigator Amber Whaley, training him.

The Board adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Cynthia Spencer, Records and Licensing Supervisor

Approved:

_____/s/
David Edwards-Smith, Chairperson
Board of Massage Therapists

Date: 01/25/2021