



[Alaska Board of Massage Therapists -September 2022 Regular Board Meeting](#) Minutes
Alaska Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing
Sep 12, 2022 at 9:00 AM AKDT
@ State Office Building, Juneau, Alaska - Teleconference

1. ZOOM MEETING LINK:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3071059882?pwd=RyszQXRxQlF2clBhSjVBaY9za0xmdz09>

Meeting ID: 307 105 9882

Passcode: 040792

2. Roll Call 9:00 - 9:05

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Chair Motz called the meeting to order at 9:12.

Attendance

Members Present:

Julie Endle, Jill Motz, Kelli Shew, Annetta Atwell

Guests Present:

David Edwards-Smith (Occupational Licensing Examiner), Reid Bowman (Records and Licensing Supervisor)

3. Ethics Review/Disclosure

 [Ethics Disclosure.pdf](#)

Chair Motz requested the board disclose ethic situations for the record. No disclosures were presented.

4. Review/Approve Agenda

Chair Motz requested amendments to the agenda. No amendments were presented.

A motion made by Julie Endle, seconded by Kelli Shew, and passed with unanimous roll call vote, it was RESOLVED to APPROVE the agenda as written.

Review of current list of Unacceptable Continuing Education adopted June 11-12, 2018

 [MAS_Unaccept.CElist.2018.08.pdf](#)

After review and discussion of the "Unacceptable Continued Education" adopted in 2019 the board presented no amendments. Chair Motz asked that the date of review on September 12th 2022 be updated on the document.

5. Discussion of pediatric patient care (Presenters: Annetta Atwell)

Discussion of potential establishment / standards of practice amendments regarding the care of minor clients/patients

 [MAS Code Standards.pdf](#)

 [Minor client-patient care reg examples.pdf](#)

 [MAS Statutes-establishment-ref.pdf](#)

Annetta Atwell joined the meeting at 9:23

Members Present:

Annetta Atwell, Julie Endle, Jill Motz, Kelli Shew

Annetta spoke to the board of the concern that there currently is no regulation in place on the subject of the care of minor clients. She stated that it was important for the protection of the minor and therapist to require the presence of a parent or guardian and or a written consent of treatment. The board was in agreement that this was an important public protection.

A motion made by Julie Endle, seconded by Kelli Shew, and passed with unanimous roll call vote, it was RESOLVED to DRAFT a regulations project to address the treatment of minors in massage therapy.

Chair Motz would prepare regulation language for review by the board during lunch.

6. Review of Minutes

 [June 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes - DRAFT.pdf](#)

 [Alaska Board of Massage Therapists - February 2022 Meeting Minutes - DRAFT.pdf](#)

Chair Motz requested that amendments to the minutes of February and June be presented. No amendments were presented by the board.

A motion made by Julie Endle, seconded by Annetta Atwell, and passed with unanimous roll call vote, it was RESOLVED to APPROVE the meeting minutes from February 2022 and June 2022.

Annetta Atwell steps away from the meeting .

Members Present:

Julie Endle, Jill Motz, Kelli Shew

Members Absent:

Anetta Atwell

7. Review of Annual Report

Review of the Annual Report for Board Approval

 [AnnualReport_2022 - DRAFT.pdf](#)

A motion made by Julie Endle, seconded by Kelli Shew, and passed with unanimous roll call vote, it was RESOLVED to APPROVE the Annual Report with no suggested travel for FY 2022.

Chair Motz called for a 10 minute break

Members Present:

Annetta Atwell, Julie Endle, Jill Motz, Kelli Shew

8. Regulation Projects in Process

Regulations specialist Jun Maiquis joins the meeting.

Guests Present:

Jun Maiquis

A. Massage school education / Concluding licensing period of renewal

 [MAS-0922 \(Draft\) \(002\).pdf](#)

After reviewing the presented regulations project the board determined that the draft regulation was acceptable and ready to be presented to the public for comment.

A motion made by Julie Endle, seconded by Kelli Shew, and passed with unanimous roll call vote, it was RESOLVED to APPROVE the regulations project (MAS-0922).

B. SB21 regulations project for temporary military licenses

The board was informed that SB21 is moving forward towards adoption.

The board began a discussion of The Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (**BPPE**) as an accepted accrediting body by the board. The board determined that they would like to receive legal guidance on the matter of it's acceptance. Jill Motz accepted a task to research the matter of the California BPPE.

9. Lunch

Off record at 10:00.

Meeting resumed at 1:04. Chair Motz requested roll call.

Members Present:

Anetta Atwell, Julie Endle, Kelli Shew, Jill Motz

10. Public Comment

Guests Present:

Hunter Irons (FSMTB)

Hunter Irons presented information about compact. He spoke to the intention of the Interstate Massage Therapy Compact as a means to develop a uniformity in massage therapy licenses for reciprocity between states. hirons@fsmtb.org

11. BREAK

Guests Present:

Michele Hearn - (Investigator)

12. Investigations (Presenters: Michele Hearn, Jennifer Summers)

- A. Investigative Report (Presenters: Michele Hearn)

 [MAS Investigative Report 9.12.22.pdf](#)

- B. Unlicensed Practice Investigation (Presenters: Jill Motz)

Discussion of case evidence in a filed complaint of unlicensed practice.

Investigator Hearn requested that the investigative process be discussed in executive session.

Motion:

Move that the Alaska State Board of Massage Therapists enter into executive session in accordance with AS 44.62.310(c), and Alaska Constitutional Right to Privacy Provisions, for the purpose of discussing subjects that tend to prejudice the reputation and character of any person, provided the person may request a public discussion.

Motion moved by Julie Endle and motion seconded by Kelli Shew. Unanimous Consent

Off record at 1:19

- C. Executive session

On record at 1:52

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Annetta Atwell, Julie Endle, Jill Motz, Kelli Shew

13. Application Review

A. Sommer Neilson - Tabled Application

The board did not reach a consensus on accepted continued education with the Onboard vote of August 12th

 [MAS - Sommer Neilson - 101926 - Reinstatement Redacted.pdf](#)

 [Sommer PDF ballot.pdf](#)

 [MAS - Sommer Neilson - 101926 - Reinstatement Results.pdf](#)

Motion:

Motion to Sommer Neilson pending a consent agreement for the completion of 16 CEU's. Submitted continued education is not accepted and submitted continued education are completed after the concluding licensing period as per 12 AAC 79.210 (2) or (3)

Motion moved by Annetta Atwell and motion seconded by Julie Endle. Unanimous Roll Call Vote

A motion made by Julie Endle, seconded by Kelli Shew, and passed with unanimous roll call vote, it was RESOLVED to APPROVE to the consent agreement for Jeffery Fujimoto.

A motion made by Julie Endle, seconded by Kelli Shew, and passed with unanimous roll call vote, it was RESOLVED to ACCEPT a civil fine for Shirley Barson.

A motion made by Julie Endle, seconded by Kelli Shew, and passed with unanimous roll call vote, it was RESOLVED to APPROVE to the consent agreement for Kerry Denny

A motion made by Julie Endle, seconded by Kelli Shew, and passed with unanimous roll call vote, it was RESOLVED to APPROVE to the consent for Deborah Edwards.

A motion made by Julie Endle, seconded by Kelli Shew, and passed with unanimous roll call vote, it was RESOLVED to APPROVE to the consent agreement for Jaqueline Hand-Justis.

A motion made by Julie Endle, seconded by Kelli Shew, and passed with unanimous roll call vote, it was RESOLVED to APPROVE to the consent agreement for Sharon Cruickshank.

A motion made by Julie Endle, seconded by Kelli Shew, and passed with unanimous roll call vote, it was RESOLVED to APPROVE to the consent for Andrew Vermeire.

A motion made by Julie Endle, seconded by Kelli Shew, and passed with a roll call vote, it was RESOLVED to APPROVE to the consent agreement for Elisa King.

Roll Call VOTE: Julie Endle: Yes, Kelli Shew: Yes, Annetta Atwell: Yes, Jill Motz: Obstain

14. Interstate Massage Therapy Compact (Presenters: Jill Motz)

Discussion of the IMTC presented by FSMTB <https://www.fsmtb.org/> and The National center for Interstate Compacts <https://compacts.csg.org/>

The board will need to determine if the IMTC is a legitimate licensing pathway that meets the Board of Massage Therapists statutory and regulatory criteria.

 [massage-therapy-compact-draft .pdf](#)

 [interstate-massage-therapy-compact-fact-sheet.pdf](#)

After a brief discussion of the Interstate Massage Therapy Compact, Chair Motz determined that the FSMTB will be invited to present information regarding the Interstate Massage Therapy Compact during the upcoming December meeting.

15. Pediatric patient care

The Board continued to discuss the importance of the protection of the public with a new regulation to address pediatric patient care. Chair Motz prepared draft language for the board to review during the lunch break.

Motion:

A motion made by Julie Endle, seconded by Kelli Shew, and passed with unanimous roll call vote, it was RESOLVED to APPROVE the agenda as written to amend the standard of practice and code of ethics to include the following:

The practice of massage therapy on minors.

A parent or legal guardian shall be present on the premises or, if requested, in the room, where massage therapy is being performed when providing services to a minor. The minor, at age 16 or older, may decline the presence of a parent or legal guardian with the written consent of the parent or legal guardian.

16. Administrative Business

The next board meeting date is December 12th and 13th. The board also set a date of March 9th-10th 2023 to be an in person meeting in Anchorage, a June 8th - 9th meeting via Zoom and a September 14th - 15th meeting as an in person meeting in Achorage.

A. Discussion of December Town Hall Meeting (Presenters: Jill Motz)

Chair Motz spoke of the town hall being a place where the public has access to the board and feels that real time access is valuable. Chair Motz supports a town hall meeting in December that could be attended in person or through zoom. Chair Motz will add this to the December agenda. Chair Motz requested that the draft agenda be posted early. She discussed an email notice go out to licensees.

B. Review Previous Task List

 [MTB Project.pdf](#)

 [State Requirements.pdf](#)


C. Correspondence

 [Monkey pox .pdf](#)

The board suggested that massage therapists continue to practice according to CDC guidelines and the board has no specific guidance on the matter of the Monkey Pox disease.

17. Adjourn: 3:30

Respectfully Submitted: David Edwards-Smith
Occupational Licensing Examiner

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Jill Motz

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Jill Motz, Chairperson
Board of Massage Therapists

Date: December 12th, 2022