

1 State of Alaska  
2 Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development  
3 Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing  
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5 **BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS**

6 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

7 May 10th, 2017  
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11 By authority of AS 08.01.070(2), and in compliance with the provisions of AS 44.62, Article 6, a  
12 scheduled meeting of the Board of Massage Therapists was held via teleconference  
13 Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 2017.  
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16 **Agenda item 1** **Call to order/Roll call:**  
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18 The meeting was called to order by Chair, David Edwards-Smith at 9:00 am  
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20 **Board Members present, constituting a quorum:**  
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22 David Edwards-Smith, Licensed Massage Therapist  
23 Traci Gilmour, Licensed Massage Therapist  
24 Jill Motz, Licenses Massage Therapist  
25 Ron Gibbs, Licenses Massage Therapist  
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27 **Division Staff present:**  
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29 Dawn Hannasch, Occupational Licensing Examiner  
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31 **Agenda item 2** **Review/Approve agenda:**  
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33 The Chair accepted the change purposed by Board member Traci Gilmour to add a discussion about  
34 the dates for the October meeting.  
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36 **In a motion duly made by Ron Gibbs and seconded by Jill Motz with unanimous consent, it  
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39 **Resolved to accept the agenda as amended.**  
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41 **Agenda item 3** **Ethics reporting:**  
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43 Hearing no further changes to the agenda the Board Chair opened the floor to any Board member  
44 with ethics questions or reporting. Board member Jill Motz informed the Board that she, as a  
45 Licensed Massage Therapist professional, reviewed curriculum for Alaska Career College. She was  
46 offered a \$100.00 honorarium, but declined.  
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48 There were no ethics violations to report.

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**Agenda item 4                    Review Public Comments from regulations projects:**

At this time the Board reviewed each comment that was made regarding the regulations project for 12 AAC 79.210, 12 AAC 79.910 & 12 AAC 79.990. Board member Traci Gilmour stated that the Board is always happy to receive feedback from the public and from licenses. She pointed out that there seems to still be a lot of misinformation out in “there”. She wanted to address a few topics specifically:

- **Travel:** The first few years of the program and Boards conception required many hours of work to write statute and regulations, review policies and procedures for licensing and many hours of discussions. It was done face to face in Anchorage and Juneau. Now that the program is established, you will not see that kind of travel. The Board meets face to face twice a year (once in Anchorage and once in Juneau) and then meets at least twice via teleconference.
- **500 to 625 hours:** This change would only apply to new applicants. Those that are already licensed will not need to “re-qualify”.
- **HB145:** Unfortunately, we are not seeing any traction on HB145 which would have removed the requirement for a new fingerprint/background check at each renewal. At this time our staff will proceed with the Statute as it is written.

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Board member Jill Motz added that she is amazed at the complexity of the application process and all that is required of staff to put files together and present them to the Board. She hopes that applicants and licenses will understand that the \$200.00 application fee pays for multiple employees to “touch” a file during processing and issuance of a license.

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Hearing no further discussion, Board Chair David Edwards-Smith requested that Occupational Licensing Examiner Dawn Hannasch respond to the public comments that warrant an answer. It is the Boards hope that this will help with any misconceptions and misinformation that might be out in the industry.

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**Agenda item 5                    Review regulations as written:**

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**In a motion duly made by Traci Gilmour and seconded by Ron Gibbs with a roll call vote, it was:**

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**Resolved to adopted 12 AAC 79.210 addressing continuing education requirements, 12 AAC 79.910 adding to the definition of moral turpitude and 12 AAC 79.990 adding the words “and standard” to “universal precautions”.**

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**Jill Motz-Yea  
David Edwards-Smith-Yea  
Ron Gibbs-Yea  
Traci Gilmour-Yea**

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**Agenda item 6**                      **Application review:**

100 The Board thoroughly reviewed and discussed 3 applications.

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102 **In a motion duly made by Ron Gibbs and seconded by Traci Gilmour with a roll call vote, it**  
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107 **Jill Motz-Yea**  
108 **David Edwards-Smith-Yea**  
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110 **Traci Gilmour-Yea**

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112 **In a motion duly made by Traci Gilmour and seconded by Jill Motz with a roll call vote, it**  
113 **was:**

114                      **Resolved to deny the application for a Massage Therapists in the State of Alaska to**  
115 **Alexander Frailey-Afanasyev. The Boards denial was based on Alaska Statute 08.61.040 (9)**  
116 **(a) the applicant must currently be licensed to practice massage therapy in another state or**  
117 **country that has licensing requirements that are substantially equal to or greater than the**  
118 **requirements of this state OR (b) currently certified by a certification entity approved by the**  
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121 **Jill Motz-Yea**  
122 **David Edwards-Smith-Yea**  
123 **Ron Gibbs-Yea**  
124 **Traci Gilmour-Yea**

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126 The Board went on to discuss Mr. Frailey-Afanasyev's application file. Mr. Frailey-Afanasyev is not  
127 currently licensed in Russia or the United States as a massage therapist, and although it appears he  
128 has had an impressive education, there is no evidence provided to the Board that his education  
129 qualifies him for a Massage Therapists license in Alaska. It was also noted that according to the  
130 documents provided by Mr. Frailey-Afanasyev, he has not worked in the massage therapists industry  
131 in over 10 years.

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133 The 3<sup>rd</sup> and final application will go back to the Department so that more information can be  
134 requested form the applicant.

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140 **Agenda item 7**                      **FY2017 Annual report:**

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142 Board chair, David Edwards-Smith entertained a discussion as the Board looked forward into  
143 FY2018. The Board planned their meeting and travel schedule for FY2018, all dates are tentative:

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- 145 • October 2-3 2017 Teleconference
- 146 • November 30-December 1 2017 in Anchorage
- 147 • March 5-6 2018- in Juneau
- 148 • June 11-12 2018 Teleconference
- 149 • 2 separate dates (TBD) for 1 Board member- travel during next Legislative session
- 150 • FSMTB Annual meeting-September 2017. The Board designated Board member Jill Motz
- 151 and Staff member Dawn Hannasch to attend. FSMTB will pay for one attendee 100% The
- 152 Board will seek approval from the Division for a second traveler.
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154 It was decided that Mr. Edwards-Smith will take care of the Boards portion of the annual report that  
 155 is due to the Division on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2017.

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 158 Hearing nothing further, the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn.

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 160 **In a motion duly made by Jill Motz and seconded by Ron Gibbs with unanimous consent, it**  
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 163 **Resolved to adjourn at 10:16 am**

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 171 **Dawn K Hannasch, Licensing Examiner**

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 176 **David Edwards-Smith, Boards Chair**

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**Date**