

ADVISORY BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY



PUBLIC MINUTES

January 12, 2022

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order and convened at 9:03 am with a quorum present.

The following board members were present: Julie Smith and Susan Prasch. Doreen Rossi was absent.

The following staff members were present: Joe Shoemaker, OPLC Division Director, and Penny Taylor, Administrator.

The following guests were present: Heather Kazmark, MA, Program Manager, Government Relations, American Massage Therapy Association.

Meeting Minutes

Approve October 26, 2021 meeting minutes. On motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Prasch, approved unanimously as written. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

ITEMS

1. New Business

Board discussed whether the rules should include the requirement that licensees submit proof of current CPR for renewal of license. On motion of Ms. Prasch, seconded by Ms. Smith, Ms. Prasch will research different types of CPR courses, including online courses, and bring information back to the next meeting.

2. Old Business

Board discussed Ms. Prasch's request regarding continuing education in current public health issues, e.g. COVID, AIDS, MRSA, SARAS, etc. Board listened to input from Ms. Kazmark, who has agreed to bring back information on other states that may require this information. The Board discussed adding "Research" to the renewal requirement. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

The Board discussed including the date, title of course, and number of hours with the online renewal applications. Ms. Taylor will request this information be added to the online renewal.

The Board discussed requiring criminal background checks, including fingerprints, for initial license applications. Ms. Kazmark indicated she will provide data on the number of states that require this information for initial licensure.

Upon motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Prasch the Board voted unanimously to enter into Non-Public Session at 10:40 am and ended at 10:55 am. At 10:55 am, motion to come out of non-public was made by Ms. Prasch and seconded by Ms. Smith, by unanimous vote. Upon the motion of Ms. Prasch and the second of Ms. Smith, the Board voted unanimously to keep minutes of the non-public session confidential from public disclosure.

RSA 91-A:3, II(c) *Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, **other than a member of this board**, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to include any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.*

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Prasch, adjourn public meeting at 10:55 am. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

*The next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2022 @ 9:00 am.