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Minutes of 6/5/2023

Board Members Present: Joanna Robertson - Chair
Mary Jo White, D.C.
Anna Larsen

Division Staff: Anne Lawler, Bureau Chief
Greg Loos, General Counsel
Emily Rough, Board Support Specialist
Lizzie Kukla, Licensing Supervisor
Candace Villarreal, Licensing Specialist

Board Members Absent: Melissa Goldsmith

Others Present: Eric Nelson, Board Prosecutor

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Joanna Robertson.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve 03/13/2023, 04/03/2023, and 05/15/2023 minutes with corrections to the 05/15/2023 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

A motion was made and seconded to enter executive session under Idaho Code § 74-206(1)(d) to consider records that are exempt from disclosure under the Idaho Public Records Law, Idaho Code § 74-106(9). The purpose of the executive session was to discuss documents relating to the fitness of a licensee to obtain or retain a license or registration. The vote was: Ms. Robertson, aye; Ms. Larsen, aye; and Dr. White, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to exit executive session. The motion carried unanimously. No decisions were made in executive session.

Discipline

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the prosecuting attorney to negotiate a Stipulation for case numbers I-MAS-2023-6 and I-MAS-2023-12 and to authorize the Board chair to sign on behalf of the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to close case number I-MAS-2023-13 with an advisory letter. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Order in case number MAS-2022-5 and to allow the Board chair to sign on behalf of the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Applications

A motion was made and seconded to approve an inquiry request on MAS-5046 and to have an opinion letter sent. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to inform applicant MASA-5095 that they do not meet the requirements for licensure. The motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION BUSINESS

2023 Legislative Update: Ms. Lawler reviewed House Bill 61, House Bill 73, House Bill 206, House Bill 274, Senate Bill 1109, and House Bill 629.

Financial Update: Ms. Lawler presented the financial report.

BOARD BUSINESS

Conference Update: Mr. Price shared his experience at the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards Executive Summit (FSMTB). The Board discussed the upcoming FSMTB Annual Meeting in San Diego on September 28-30.

DOPL Training at Schools: The Board will work alongside Division staff to create a presentation for the schools about the duties and roles of the Idaho Board of Massage Therapy.

Licensing Report: Ms. Kukla presented a report on applications received and licenses issued and renewed by staff since the last meeting.

Zero-Based Regulation: The Board held a discussion on comments that were made by legal counsel regarding definitions, clinical work, educational programs, and code of ethics. Mr. Loos reviewed his prospective analysis with the Board. Ms. Lawler stated that public comments included concerns about CE requirements no longer being required by rule. She also stated that there was a comment stating that Washington's educational hours required for licensure are greater than Idaho's requirements, which makes it more challenging for Idaho licensees who wish to seek licensure in Washington.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:36 PM MT.

The next quarterly meeting is on 09/11/2023.