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Board Meeting Minutes of 3/18/2024

Board Members Present: Joanna Robertson - Chair
Anna Larsen
Samantha Scholer
Melissa Goldsmith

Division Staff: John Price, Executive Officer
Greg Loos, General Counsel,
Lindsay Guille, Licensing Supervisor
Candance Villarreal, Licensing Specialist
Christian Runnalls, Board Support Specialist

Board Members Absent: Katina Ross

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

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 12/12/2022 and 12/4/2023 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara DeHaan, Northwest Career Colleges of Idaho, gave an update on Representative Smucker's bill to return school hour requirements to 150% to qualify for Title IV federal funding.

DIVISION BUSINESS

2024 Legislative Session Overview: Mr. Price stated the Board rules are before the House and Senate. He also stated that H505 passed the House and Senate and is currently before the Governor.

DOPL Legal Consistency: Mr. Loos discussed the Board's role and summarized the policies for conflicts-of-interest, virtual meeting participation, and communication with legislators.

Financial Report: Mr. Price presented the financial report.

Five-Year Projection of Cash Balances: Mr. Price presented the Board's five-year cash balance projection and stated that the cash reserves should be approximately 15-18 months of operating costs. The Board discussed options for reducing its cash balance.

BOARD BUSINESS

FSMTB Presentation: Kevin Snedden, Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB), gave a presentation on the role of FSMTB and its relation to the licensing board and massage schools.

School Training Presentation: Mr. Price presented a training PowerPoint created for schools to educate their students on the Board's function and processes. The Board and members of the public provided feedback.

Myopractics Therapy: Ms. Villarreal stated that a school of myopractics is seeking to determine if its courses are germane to massage therapy and if they can be used to obtain a massage therapy license. Following discussion, the Board tabled the matter until more information about the myopractic courses is provided.

Conference Updates and Reports: Ms. Robertson summarized the FARB conference she attended.

AMTA-Idaho Conferences Attendance: A motion was made and seconded to send two Board members to the AMTA-Idaho Conference. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to send two staff members to the AMTA-Idaho Conference. The motion carried unanimously.

Title IV Update: If Congress does not pass H.R. 7810, Mr. Price stated that a statutory change would be needed to bring schools that obtain federal funding into compliance.

Licensing Report: Ms. Guille presented the licensing report.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

The next meeting is on 6/17/2024.