



State of Idaho
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Board Meeting Minutes of 6/17/2024

Board	Joanna Robertson - Chair	Division	John Price, Executive Officer
Members	Anna Larsen	Staff:	Kent Absec, Licensing Manager
Present:	Samantha Scholer		Skip Liddle, Investigations Manager
	Melissa Goldsmith		Greg Loos, General Counsel
	Katina Ross		Mark Kubinski, Lead Counsel
			Candace Villarreal, Licensing Specialist
			Christian Runnalls, Board Support Specialist
			Meagan Graves, Board Support Specialist

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

Introductions

The Board, staff, and attendees introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 03/18/2024 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

DIVISION BUSINESS

2024 Legislative Session Overview: Mr. Price provided a Legislative update on House Bill 505, House Bill 767, Senate Bill 1429, House Bill 417, and House Bill 705.

Public Board Member Training: Mr. Loos presented training to the Board on the role and importance of public members appointed to regulatory boards.

Open Meeting Law Training: Mr. Loos presented training to the Board on the Idaho Open Meeting Laws.

Financial Update: Mr. Price gave a financial update.

BOARD BUSINESS

School Training Presentation: The Board discussed the PowerPoint presentation from the 3/18/2024 Board meeting that provides information about the Idaho Board of Massage Therapy and the Board members to the massage therapy schools in Idaho. A motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed training presentation. The motion carried unanimously.

Myopractics Therapy: The Board discussed Myopractics and stated its belief that it is more closely aligned with chiropractic and physical therapy practices. A motion was made and seconded determining Myopractics is not massage therapy as defined under the Practice Act. The motion carried unanimously.

Interstate Massage Therapy Compact Discussion: Mr. Price presented information about the compact. The Board tabled the discussion for a future meeting.

Massage Establishment Licensure Discussion: Mr. Price facilitated a discussion regarding proposed licensure for massage therapy establishments. The Board explored potential strategies for establishing licensure requirements. Board members expressed a need for additional information on how other states have implemented licensure and regulations, specifically regarding their effectiveness in reducing human trafficking. The Board will revisit this topic in their next meeting after gathering more information on the outcomes associated with licensing these establishments.

Title IV Update: Mr. Price updated the Board on developments regarding the Bare Minimum Rule, which affects massage therapy schools. Specifically, schools and students may be ineligible for Title IV funding due to discrepancies between the higher course hour requirements for graduation from programs and the lower hour requirements for licensure established by Idaho Statutes. There are currently several lawsuits challenging this rule. The Board will continue to monitor and discuss this issue in upcoming meetings.

AMTA Conference Updates and Reports: Ms. Scholer and Ms. Larsen summarized the two-day training and meeting at the AMTA conference they attended.

Licensing Report: Mr. Absec presented the Board's licensing report.

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 retain a license or registration. The vote was: Anna Larsen, aye; Samantha Scholer, aye; Melissa Goldsmith, aye; Joanna Robertson, aye; and Katina Ross, aye. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Discipline

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the negotiation of the Stipulation and Consent Order in case number I-MAS-2024-7 and to allow and authorize the Board chair to sign on behalf of the Board, additionally authorizing the Board's Prosecutor to file an administrative complaint should any of the negotiations expire or be rejected. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:46 PM.

The next meeting is on 09/09/2024.