

State of Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses Board of Massage Therapy

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Board Meeting Minutes of 09/09/2024

Board	Joanna Robertson - Chair	Division	John Price, Executive Officer
Members	Anna Larsen	Staff:	Greg Loos, General Counsel
Present:	Melissa Goldsmith		Allegra Earl, Licensing Manager
	Katina Ross		Skip Little, Investigations Manager
	Samantha Scholer		Lizzie Kukla, Licensing Supervisor
			Julie Brown, Licensing Specialist
			Meagan Graves, Board Support Specialist

Others Eric Nelson, Board Prosecutor **Present:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Joanna Robertson.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 06/17/2024 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

No public comment was provided.

DIVISION BUSINESS

Financial Update: Mr. Price presented the financial report.

Respectful Workplace Training: Respectful Workplace training was presented.

BOARD BUSINESS

Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition Presentation – Executive Director Jennifer Zielinski: Jennifer Zielinski, Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition gave the Board a presentation about the Idaho Anti-Trafficking Coalition and its services. She provided information on the different types of human trafficking and the current laws in Idaho surrounding trafficking and victims. The coalition provides a 24/7 crisis hotline that helps with housing, healthcare, relocation, and other needs of victims.

Board Elections: A motion was made and seconded to elect Joanna Robertson as Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

Title IV Update: Mr. Price informed the Board that there is still an injunction in effect that prohibits the enforcement of the Bare Minimum Rule. While this injunction remains in place, students will continue to be eligible for Title IV funding, notwithstanding the discrepancies between the school's graduation hour requirements and the State's licensing hour requirements.

Massage Establishment Licensure Update: Mr. Price notified the Board that proposed language was provided to the Governor's office about licensure for massage therapy establishments. He clarified sole practitioner therapists operating mobile businesses would not be required to obtain an establishment license.

School Presentation Update: Mr. Price updated the Board on staff changes and introduced Julie Brown as their new licensing specialist. The presentation is ready for Board and Staff members to deliver to massage therapy schools.

Veterans Affairs Standard of Practice Review: The Board was provided with a letter from Veterans Affairs with updates to their standards of practice. No action was taken.

Licensing Report: Lizzie Kukla provided the 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 is to discuss documents relating to the fitness of an applicant or licensee to obtain or retain a license or registration. The vote was: Anna Larsen, aye; Joanna Robertson, aye; Katina Ross, aye; Melissa Goldsmith, aye; and Samantha Scholer, 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.

Applications

A motion was made and seconded to deny application 1279932 based on Idaho Code § 67-9411. The motion carried unanimously.

Discipline

A motion was made and seconded to close case number 1416493 with an agreement in lieu of discipline. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the prosecuting attorney to negotiate a Stipulation and Consent Order in case number 1278230. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.

The next meeting is on 12/16/2024.