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Board Meeting Minutes of 06/09/2025

Board Anna Larsen, Chair
Members Samantha Scholer
Present: Rose Morningstar

Division John Price, Executive Officer
Staff: Allegra Earl, Licensing Program Manager
Greg Loos, General Counsel
Skip Liddle, Investigations Program Manager
Steve Houge, Investigations Supervisor
Julie Brown, Licensing Specialist
Dyan Durham, Board Support Specialist

Board Melissa Goldsmith
Members Katina Ross
Absent:

Others Reid Peterson, Board Prosecutor
Present: Kate Agres, Summer Associate

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Anna Larsen.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and seconded to approve the 03/10/2025 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

DIVISION BUSINESS

2025 Legislative Update: Mr. Price informed the Board that H0014 was signed by the Governor on February 7th. Mr. Loos presented full details during the Statute Review agenda topic.

Mr. Price informed the Board that executive agency legislation is currently being proposed for massage establishment licensure.

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

Financial Update: Mr. Price presented the financial report for the third quarter of FY2025, which indicated that the Board had a cash balance of \$264,211.91 as of March 31, 2025.

BOARD BUSINESS

Endorsement Application Procedures: To assist in discovering fraudulent applications, Division staff requested that the Board requires all endorsement applicants to provide official transcripts and MBLEx test scores. A motion was made and seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Massage Therapy Statute Review: The Board reviewed the recommended changes to the statute that will be made for H0014:

54-4001 – Purpose: Strike the preamble to the statute as unnecessary.

54-4006(3) Board of Massage Therapy – Strike the unnecessary language that associations and/or residents of Idaho may provide nominations to the Governor.

54-4006(5) Board of Massage Therapy – Strike the language requiring appointed Board members to have a minimum of three years of experience to achieve consistency throughout the boards.

54-4006(6) Board of Massage Therapy – Strike as outdated, the board terms for the initial appointments to the Board and strike the language about vacancies as unnecessary.

54-4006(7) Board of Massage Therapy – Strike unnecessary language regarding how board members other than the Chairman can request additional meetings and Board-appointed committees and clarify what constitutes a quorum.

54-4007(2) – Powers and Duties of the Board: Strike the requirement for written authorization from the board to act in its interest, as redundant to the DOPL statute.

54-4007(8) – Powers and Duties of the Board: Strike as redundant of Idaho Code § 67-2614.

54-4008 – Fees: Strike as duplicative of Idaho Code § 67-2608.

54-4008(2) – Fees: Strike dollar amounts as unnecessary.

54-4009(2) – Requirements for Issuance of License: Strike the age requirement as unnecessary.

54-4009(5) – Requirements for Issuance of License: Strike the last sentence as unnecessary and outdated.

54-4011(1) – License Renewal: Strike as duplicative of Idaho Code § 67-2614.

54-4012(1-5) – Licensing of Existing Massage Practitioners: Strike as outdated.

54-4013(3) – Disciplinary Action: Strike as duplicative of Idaho Code § 67-9411.

54-4013(10) – Disciplinary Action: Reword to include any previous discipline for an Idaho license.

54-4015 – Preemption of Local Regulation: Strike the first sentence as outdated.

Public Comment: Lance Giles, lobbyist for Northwest Career College – Idaho, expressed concern over eliminating the intent language from the statute to protect the Board in the event of a lawsuit. He also asked for clarification on the requirement of one instructor serving on the Board.

Dr. Colby Inzer, naturopath, stated he was involved in the negotiations when the statutes were crafted. He stated the purpose of the one instructor maximum was to ensure the instructor representation was not from a single school.

Lydia Benson, LMT, stated she believes it would be beneficial to encourage students to get involved in legislation. She also believes instructors are a great asset to the massage board.

Biennial Renewal Update: Mr. Price stated that this Board transitioned to biennial licensure on May 19th. As of June 6th, there have been 120 renewals and 28 reinstatements. The Division has received positive feedback on the transition.

Conference Updates: Mr. Price gave an update on the FSMTB Executive Directors conference he attended. The conference held sessions on legislation, education standards, and fraudulent schools. Other states have also discovered fraudulent schools. Division staff can contact FSMTB for complete information on schools, but there is no compiled list of fraudulent schools.

Licensing Report: Ms. Earl presented 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 was to discuss documents relating to the fitness of a licensee to obtain or retain a license or registration. The vote was: Ms. Larsen, aye; Ms. Scholer, aye; and Ms. Morningstar, 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 close case number 1572656. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Final Order in case numbers 1577361 and 1416493 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 application 1577718. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made and seconded to deny applications 1686014, 1562571, 1582502, 1596586, 1537360, 1601721, 1652944, 1653699, 1673182, 1691205, 1673253, 1673254 according to Idaho Code § 54-4013. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 AM.

The next meeting is on 09/08/2025.