



Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy

DRAFT JUNE 8, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

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DATES AND TIMES:

June 8, 2026, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Zoom sign-in available at 8:30 a.m.

MINUTES

Please Note: The Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy may: 1) take agenda items out of order; 2) combine two or more items for consideration; or 3) remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion related to an item at any time. Reasonable efforts will be made to assist and accommodate individuals with disabilities who wish to attend the meeting. Please contact Elisabeth Barnard at 775.687.9951 (ebarnard@lmt.nv.gov), in advance, so that arrangements may be made. Public comment will be taken at the beginning and the end of the meeting. The Board may convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person (NRS 241.030).

Public Comment Agenda Item: There is a time designated at the beginning of the meeting and the end of the meeting for Public Comment. Members of the general public may bring matters not appearing on this Agenda to the attention of the Board or make comment on specific agenda items. Public comment may also be taken at other such times as requested as long as the request for public comment will not interrupt ongoing Board business. The Board may discuss the matters not on the agenda but may not act on the matters at this meeting. If the Board desires, the matters may be placed on a future Agenda for action. In consideration of others who may also wish to provide public comment, please avoid repetition. The Board limits public comment to three (3) minutes.

Prior to the commencement and conclusion of a contested case or quasi-judicial proceeding that may affect the due process rights of an individual, the Board may refuse to consider public comment (see NRS 233B.126). Please be aware that after the quasi-judicial Board has rendered a decision in the contested case and, assuming this happens before adjournment, the Board may entertain public comment on the proceeding at that time.

1. Call to order and roll call of Board Members.

The Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 8, 2026, by Chair Rebecca Dorangricchia. Board members in attendance included Vice Chair Paula Wilber, Secretary-Treasurer Jenn Ty, Lorna Benedict, Rosemarie Mueller, Bill Schoen, Alan Kite-Swinden, and Sergeant Brian Young with the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department participated telephonically. Additional attendees included Executive Director

Elisabeth Barnard and Board Counsel Colleen Platt. Board member John Teng was absent excused.

2. Mission Statement of the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy – To protect the public health, safety, and welfare through effective massage therapy regulation. Insuring that qualified, competent, ethical practitioners are licensed.

Dorangricchia read the mission statement into the record.

3. Public comment – Members of the public who wish to participate in a public meeting may do so by providing public comment during the two designated public comment periods. Additionally, public comment options may include, without limitation, telephonic or email comment. Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under public comment until scheduled on an agenda for action at a later meeting. The Board will not restrict comments based on viewpoint. The opportunity for public comment will be available at the beginning and ending of the meeting. (Discussion Only)

No attendees at the meeting offered any public comment. No written public comment was received prior to the meeting.

4. Introduction of new Board members (For Discussion)

Dorangricchia welcomed Sergeant Briant Young as the newly appointed non-voting advisory Board member.

5. Workshop for proposed regulatory changes to NAC Chapter 640 (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Board received written comment regarding the proposed changes. The board discussed the proposed draft regulatory changes to NAC Chapter 640. Additional changes discussed included the reduction of continuing education requirements for reflexology licensees, to remove the provision for roll-over hours, and to not add the proposed language regarding contraindications.

Dorangricchia motioned to direct Executive Director Barnard and Board Council Platt to continue with the regulatory changes to NAC Chapter 640 to include all of today's discussion. Seconded by Kite-Swinden. Motion carried with none opposed.

6. Application Review. (The Board may convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person.) (For Possible Action)
 - a. Review Application of Deaysana D. Mattison Williams (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Deaysana D. Mattison Williams was present. Her application was presented for review by the Board.

Mattison Williams requested a closed session.

Wilber motioned to close the session. Seconded by Kite-Swinden. Motion carried with none opposed.

Kite-Swinden motioned to open session. Seconded by Wilbur. Motion carried with none opposed.

Ivy Adams spoke as a character reference for Mattison Williams.

Mueller motioned to approve the application without restrictions. Seconded by Ty. Aye: Kite-Swinden, Benedict, Dorangricchia. Nay: Schoen. Motion carried.

7. Background Review Request per NRS 622.085 – Qiu Ping Lin (The Board may convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person.) (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Qiu Ping Lin was not present. The Board reviewed the available information.

Dorangricchia motioned that Lin's background does not disqualify her from obtaining a license in the future. Seconded by Mueller. Aye: Mueller, Benedict. Nay: Schoen. Motion carried.

8. Background Review Request per NRS 622.085 – Jian Fei Zeng (The Board may convene in closed session to consider the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence or physical or mental health of a person.) (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Jian Fei Zeng was present with interpreter Yuncong Lin.

The Board reviewed the available information and asked questions to Ms. Zeng.

Kite-Swinden moved that the background history would not disqualify Zeng from obtaining a license. Seconded by Ty. Aye: Benedict, Dorangricchia, Mueller. Nay: Schoen. Motion carried.

9. Request for dismissal of Case Number NVMT-R-2601 regarding Kiwana Ham NVMT.8510. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Executive Director Barnard confirmed that the underlying cause for action had been resolved by Ms. Ham.

Dorangricchia motioned to dismiss Case Number NVMT-R-2601. Seconded by Benedict. Motion carried with none opposed.

10. Formal Hearing Diego Lamoth Baro NVMT.10441 – Case Number NVMT-C-26008. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Diego Lamoth Baro was not present.

Platt recommended that the Board accept the presented Voluntary Surrender for Diego Lamoth Baro NVMT.10441 – Case Number NVMT-C-26008.

Dorangricchia motioned to accept the Voluntary Surrender. Seconded by Mueller. Motion carried with none opposed.

11. Formal Hearing Maoqing Xu NVMT.9163 – Case Number NVMT-C-26011. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Item continued to the next Board meeting.

12. Formal Hearing Ratana Haag NVMT.5986 – Case Number NVMT-C-26015. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Item continued to the next Board meeting.

13. Formal Hearing Chufeng Wang NVMT.12664 – Case Number NVMT-C-26021. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Chufeng Wang was present. Interpreter Alicia Lozeron was also present.

Senior Attorney General Todd Weiss sat as Board counsel.

Platt gave her opening statement.

Chufeng Wang gave her opening statement.

Weiss swore in Executive Director Barnard.

Platt asked questions of Barnard.

Dorangricchia admitted exhibit A into evidence.

Weiss swore in Wang.

The Board asked questions of Wang.

Schoen motioned that the alleged facts did occur and that they are correct. Seconded by Kite-Swinden. Motion carried with none opposed.

Dorangricchia motioned that the violations of law did occur. Seconded by Schoen. Motion carried with none opposed.

Kite-Swinden motioned to revoke the license for a period of one year with authority given to Executive Director Barnard and Board staff to process any application for licensure in a period shorter than one year if Wang meets all the requirements for licensure. Seconded by Benedict. Motion carried with none opposed.

14. Review Petition for Advisory Opinion from Liliana Sosa, Scratch Studio regarding scope of massage therapy. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Item continued to the next meeting.

15. Review Petition for Advisory Opinion from Pamela Henderson regarding scope of massage therapy. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Henderson spoke regarding her request for an Advisory Opinion.

The Board asked Ms. Henderson questions.

Kite-Swinden motioned to grant the petition to issue an opinion that spinal flow as presented today is not within the definition of massage therapy and that Kite-Swinden will work with legal counsel and the executive director to draft the opinion for approval at the August Board meeting. Seconded by Dorangricchia. Motion carried with none opposed.

Consent agenda items are shown in italics. The Consent Agenda contains matters of routine acceptance. The Board members may approve the consent agenda items as written or, at their discretion, may address individual items for discussion or revisions.

16. *Consent Agenda Items – Board members may choose to request any item listed below be pulled for discussion and possible action. Any items not pulled may be approved in a single motion to approve the consent agenda excluding pulled items. (For Discussion and Possible Action)*
 - a. *Approval of applications approved and authorized by the Chairperson through April 30, 2026 (see Exhibit A). (For Possible Action)*
 - b. *Discussion and possible action regarding review and acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget versus Actual through April 30, 2026. (For Possible Action)*
 - c. *Discussion and possible action regarding review and acceptance of updated Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. (For Possible Action)*

- d. Discussion and possible action regarding review and acceptance of Fiscal Year 2028 Budget. (For Possible Action)*
- e. Discuss, amend, and approve Board meeting minutes for March 18, 2026. (For Possible Action)*
- f. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of the updated Board policy 3.1.1 Compensation and Performance Reviews. (For Possible Action)*
- g. Discussion and possible action regarding updates to the list of substantially equivalent states listed on the website per Section 5 of LCB File No. R128-20. (For Possible Action)*
- h. Discussion and possible action for review, approval, and possible adoption of changes to language access plan pursuant to NRS 232.0081 (For Possible Action)*

Consent agenda items *d*, and *g* were removed.

Wilber motioned to approve consent agenda items *a*, *b*, *c*, *e*, *f*, and *h*. Seconded by Mueller. Motion carried with none opposed.

- 17. Executive Director Report. (For Discussion)
 - a. Strategic Plan Key Indicators
 - i. Licensure and renewals
 - ii. Inspection Team calendar year-to-date key indicators
 - iii. Complaints and investigations calendar year-to-date key indicators
 - b. Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards
 - c. Other topics
 - d. Financials, cash reserves, and anticipated upcoming expenditures.

Administrative Assistant Buckingham reviewed the current number of licenses. Total of 5,938 licenses. There were 5,880 massage licensees, 42 reflexologists, and 16 structural integrations practitioners.

Brunner reviewed the current inspection numbers. 409 inspections completed with a 65% completion rate for the year to date.

Brunner reviewed the current investigation numbers. 6 investigations remain open with 37 completed for the year.

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation has revoked the licenses of certain schools within Texas due to circumstances involving human trafficking. Those actions may end up triggering the invalidation of national exam scores.

License renewals are entering the busy year of the two-year cycle which is increasing revenue. The ID Card purchase has been pushed to early in fiscal year 2027 to coincide with the higher revenue year. Barnard gave kudos to the team for their great work.

18. Discussion and possible action regarding selection of Delegate and Alternate to the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards Annual Meeting, October 21-23, 2026, Las Vegas, NV. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Dorangricchia motioned that Dorangricchia would attend the annual meeting as the Delegate and that Wilber would attend the meeting as the Alternate. Seconded by Ty. Motion carried with none opposed.

19. Discussion and possible action regarding sending additional attendees to the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards Annual Meeting, October 21-23, 2026, Las Vegas, NV and authorization to adjust the budget if needed. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Dorangricchia motioned to approve additional attendees to the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards Annual Meeting. Seconded by Mueller. Motion carried with none opposed.

20. Discussion and possible action regarding entering into a new contract with Summit Government Affairs, Ltd for government relations services for the 2027 Legislative Session. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Dorangricchia motioned to approve a new two-year contract with Summit Government Affairs, Ltd for government relations services including for the 2027 Legislative Session. Seconded by Mueller. Motion carried with none opposed.

21. Discussion and possible action regarding submitting a bill draft request for the 2027 Legislative Session to clarify the background and fingerprint requirements and recipient for all license types and any other changes the Board determines appropriate. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Mueller motioned to submit a bill draft request to the 2027 Legislative Session to clarify the background and fingerprint requirements required by the FBI. Seconded by Benedict. Motion carried with none opposed.

22. Discussion regarding recommended future agenda items. (For Discussion)

None

23. Public comment.

No attendees at the meeting offered any public comment. No written public comment was received during the meeting.

24. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m.

Notices:

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