Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy

*****NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING*****

August 12, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

LOCATIONS:
This meeting of the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy will take place online via Zoom, available via telephone or by visiting 1755 E. Plumb Ln. Ste 254, Reno, NV 89502. Persons wishing to participate in the meeting may connect to the meeting through the link below or telephone numbers below. Persons wishing to provide public comment during the meeting may use the links below and at the appropriate time, the Board Chair will call on persons wishing to make public comment.

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DATES AND TIMES:
August 12, 2026, commencing at 9:00 a.m.
Zoom sign-in available at 8:30 a.m.

AGENDA

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 August 12, 2026, by Chair Rebecca Dorangricchia. Board members in attendance included Secretary-Treasurer Jenn Ty, 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. Vice Chair Paula Wilber and Board Member Lorna Benedict were 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. Written public comment was received prior to the meeting and provided in Board materials.

4. Election of Officers (For Discussion and Possible Action)
    a. Chair

Ty nominated Dorangricchia be re-elected Chair. Kite-Swinden motioned to re-elect Dorangricchia as chair. Seconded by Mueller. Motion carried with none opposed.

    b. Vice Chair

Dorangricchia nominated Wilber be re-elected Vice Chain. Dorangricchia motioned to re-elect Wilber as Vice Chair. Seconded by Ty. Motion carried with none opposed.

    c. Secretary-Treasurer

Dorangricchia nominated Ty be re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. Dorangricchia motioned to re-elect Ty as Secretary-Treasurer. Seconded by Mueller. Motion carried with none opposed.

5. 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 Rachel L. Reed. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Ms. Reed was present. Teng disclosed that Reed graduated from the school he owns, but he can be impartial.

Reed's application was presented for review by the Board.

The Board asked questions of Reed and discussed.

Motion by Schoen to deny the application. Second from Kite-Swinden. Ayes: Schoen, Kite-Swinden, and Dorangricchia. Nays: Ty, Mueller, and Teng. Motion failed due to no majority.

The Board discussed further. The application was tabled to the October meeting.

6. Request for termination of probation Mei Xiang Yang NVMT.12990. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Mei Xiang Yang was present along with counsel Kirk Kennedy and interpreter Borgel.

Kennedy spoke on behalf of Yang.

The Board discussed.

Kite-Swinden motioned to deny the request for termination of probation. Seconded by Ty. Motion carried with none opposed.

7. Request for termination of probation Victoria Yang NVMT.12815. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Victoria Yang was not present.

The Board discussed.

Dorangricchia motioned to deny the request for termination. Seconded by Schoen. Motion carried with none opposed.

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

Item continued to the next regular meeting.

9. Consideration and possible approval of voluntary surrender for Ratana Haag NVMT.5986 – Case Number NVMT-C-26015. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Attorney General Ostunio sat as Board Counsel.

Platt presented a Voluntary Surrender for Ratana Haag NVMT.5986 – Case Number NVMT-C-26015 to the Board.

Dorangricchia motioned to approve the Voluntary Surrender. Seconded by Ty. Motion carried with none opposed.

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

Liliana Sosa was present. She described the services offered by Scratch Studio.

The Board asked questions of Sosa. The Board reviewed the definition of massage therapy in NRS 640C.060 and reviewed the definition of effleurage.

The Board discussed further.

Dorangricchia motioned to grant the petition for advisory opinion classifying some services offered by Scratch Studio as Massage Therapy. Seconded by Kite-Swinden. Ayes: Teng and Ty. Nays: Schoen and Mueller. Motioned carried. Kite-Swinden was assigned the task of drafting the opinion with assistance from staff.

11. Review Petition for Advisory Opinion from Rielynn Grace regarding scope of massage therapy. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Rielynn Grace was present.

The Board asked questions of Grace. The Board reviewed the definition of massage therapy in NRS 640C.060.

The Board discussed.

Dorangricchia motioned to grant the petition for advisory opinion stating the proposed scratch business would be Massage Therapy. Seconded by Kite-Swinden. Ayes: Teng and Ty. Nays: Schoen and Mueller. Motioned carried. Kite-Swinden was assigned the task of drafting the opinion with assistance from staff.

12. Consideration, discussion, and possible approval of Advisory Opinion 2026-01. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Kite-Swinden motioned to approve Advisory Opinion 2026-01 as written. 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.

13. *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 July 31, 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 June 30, 2026. (For Possible Action)*
    c. *Discussion and possible action regarding review and acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget versus Actual through July 31, 2027. (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 June 8, 2026. (For Possible Action)*

Dorangricchia motioned to approve Consent Agenda Items *13.a-e* as written. Seconded by Ty. Motion carried with none opposed.

14. 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 5,908 licenses. There were 5,845 massage licensees, 47 reflexologists, and 16 structural integration practitioners.

Brunner reviewed the current inspection numbers. There were a projected 951 inspections. 708 inspections have been completed with a 74% completion rate to date.

Brunner reviewed current investigation numbers. 9 investigations remain open. 48 investigations have been closed to date with an average of 26 days to close.

Barnard gave an update. The Federation of State Massage Board annual meeting registrations are open. Registrations for interested Board members have been submitted. LCB files R12820 and R01724 have been codified into NAC 640C. Revenue exceeded budget expectations for the last fiscal year and reserves were not dipped into.

15. Discussion and Possible Action to update compensation schedules to incorporate cost of living allowance increase retroactive to the first full pay period of July 2026. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Barnard confirmed that the COLA for hourly employees was included in the approved budget.

Kite-Swinden motioned to approve updated compensation schedules to incorporate a 3% cost of living allowance increase for hourly employees retroactive to the first full pay period of July 2026. Seconded by Ty. Motion carried with none opposed.

16. Discussion and Possible Action regarding whether AI and/or robot massage services are within the definition of massage therapy. (For Discussion and Possible Action)

Discussion was held. No action was taken.

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

None.

18. Public comment.

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

19. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Notices:

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The Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy may address agenda items out of sequence to accommodate persons appearing before the Board or to aid the efficiency or effectiveness of the meeting. Interested persons may present oral and/or written comments at the time and place of the meeting, or written comments may be sent no later than **Tuesday, August 11, 2026,** to the following address: **Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy, 1755 E. Plumb Lane, Suite 252, Reno, NV 89502. Supporting materials are available on the Board's website** https://massagetherapy.nv.gov/ or by contacting **Elisabeth Barnard at 775.687.9951 or ebarnard@lmt.nv.gov or 1755 E Plumb Lane, Suite 252, Reno, NV 89502.**

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