

**ND Board of Massage Therapy
April 17, 2020
Meeting Minutes
NDBMT Office, 2900 E. Broadway Ave., Ste. 2, Bismarck, ND**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Heidi Strain, at 9:35 AM. The Board met by remote means due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Present

Chair – Heidi Strain; Jennifer Staska; Cathy Minard; Rebecca Forde; Carrie Anderson.

Others: Nikki Owings, Board Office; Sandy DePountis, Legal Counsel.

{Forde absent}

Minutes

It was **moved and seconded** to accept the minutes from March 20, 2020.

(Staska/Anderson/carried) [Roll call: Staska (y); Minard (y); Anderson (y); Strain (y)] [Forde absent]

Treasurer's Report and Reimbursements

Account information was unavailable due to an issue with on-line banking.

Staska will forward the information to the Board as soon as it is available.

Total March 2020 reimbursements = \$175.00

It was **moved and seconded** to approve and pay the March 2020 reimbursements.

(Strain/Anderson/carried) [Roll call: Staska (y); Minard (y); Anderson (y); Strain (y)] [Forde absent]

{Forde present}

COVID-19

The Governor's Executive Order stopping the practice of massage therapy was extended to April 30, 2020.

The Board will continue to monitor the pandemic state of emergency and re-evaluate the continuing education requirements in late summer or early fall.

Statute Review

Tabled until Board meets in person.

CE Broker

Forde is continuing to research. She will look into FSMTB's continuing education services as well. Legal Counsel cautioned the Board not to require licensees to use a specific continuing education agency.

Request for Extension of Continuing Education Deadline

Hope Peterson - It was **moved and seconded** to have the office send her a letter stating the Board has tabled discussion until the May meeting.
(Forde/Staska/unanimous) [Roll call: Staska (y); Minard (y); Forde (y); Anderson (y); Strain (y)]

Ratification of Licenses

It was **moved and seconded** to ratify the licenses listed below:
-Tiara Simonson #20120
(Anderson/Staska/unanimous) [Roll call: Staska (y); Minard (y); Forde (y); Anderson (y); Strain (y)]

Board Appointments

The terms for Forde, Minard, and Strain will expire 6/30/2020.

Other

Ligia Rodrigues Application for Licensure – It was **moved and seconded** to approve SpanTran as an accrediting agency. (Forde/Staska/unanimous) [Roll call: Staska (y); Minard (y); Forde (y); Anderson (y); Strain (y)]

Next Meeting Date

May 15, 2020 at 9:30 AM CST; via conference call.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Chair

Date

Vice Chair

Date