

**ND Board of Massage Therapy
January 20, 2023
Meeting Minutes
NDBMT Office, 2900 E Broadway Ave., Ste. 2, Bismarck, ND**

The meeting was called to order by President, Heidi Strain, at 9:30 AM. The Board met by remote means and in person at the Board office in Bismarck, ND.

Present

President – Heidi Strain; Robert Benson; Carrie Anderson.

Others: Nikki Owings, Board Office; Annique Lockard, Legal Counsel; Heather Thuesen.

Absent

Brynn Burbach; Shelle Hagen.

Minutes

It was **moved and seconded** to accept the minutes from December 16, 2022, January 3, 2023, and January 6, 2023. (Benson/Anderson/carried) [Roll call: Anderson (y); Benson (y); Strain (y)] [Burbach and Hagen absent]

Treasurer's Report and Reimbursements

Total reimbursements presented = \$543.75.

It was **moved and seconded** to table the treasurer's report and pay the December 2022 reimbursements for Benson. (Strain/Anderson/carried) [Roll call: Anderson (y); Benson (y); Strain (y)] [Burbach and Hagen absent]

Regional Massage School Qualifications

It was **moved and seconded** to remove the existing list from the website and replace with Hagen's draft verbiage and a link to the ND Career and Technical Education's site. (Anderson/Benson/carried) [Roll call: Anderson (y); Benson (y); Strain (y)] [Burbach and Hagen absent]

Complaints

#2022-02-Bai - It was **moved and seconded** to table to next meeting when further information should be available. (Anderson/Benson/carried) [Roll call: Anderson (y); Benson (y); Strain (y)] [Burbach and Hagen absent]

Legislation

Update Testimony for HB 1128 – The bill passed the full House and was sent to the Senate side. Strain will amend testimony to clarify “city and county” licensure in regard to reciprocity.

It was **moved and seconded** to authorize Strain to work with legal counsel to update the testimony as needed unless major changes are required.
 (Anderson/Benson/carried) [Roll call: Anderson (y); Benson (y); Strain (y)]
 [Burbach and Hagen absent]

Discussion on Board-related Bills – The Board will monitor several bills directly related to the Board’s functions.

Administrative Rules Committee Update

Benson presented draft changes. Benson and Anderson will prepare updated draft for next meeting.

Inspections

Update on 2022 Inspections – The Board will consider the 2022 list completed and move to a new list for 2023.

2023 Inspections – Board members will review the inspection sheet for possible updates and discuss at the next meeting. The Board will inspect 10 percent of active licensees by December 31, 2023 and continue to discuss options for inspections.

Review of Jurisprudence Examination

Tabled until full Board is present.

Ratification of Licenses

It was **moved and seconded** to ratify the following license:

Cassandra	Simon	22228
Sheyenne	Freitag	22230
Madison	Kitsch	22232
Alexis	Peterson	22234
Adam	Rybakowski	22236
Fuwei	Zhao	22238
Dana	Tescher	22240
Yolanda	Karas	22242
Alice	Pederson	22244
Rebekah	Moore	22246
Kitana	Sukut	22248
Nicole	Vanyo	22250
Kimberly	Beavers	22252
Kathryn	Reynolds	22254

(Benson/Anderson/carried) [Roll call: Anderson (y); Benson (y); Strain (y)]
 [Burbach and Hagen absent]

Other

Website - It was **moved and seconded** to authorize the board office to send a e-newsletter to all active licensees with information on updating contact information and the 2023 random inspection. (Strain/Benson/carried) [Roll call: Anderson (y); Benson (y); Strain (y)] [Burbach and Hagen absent]

Licensure Compact – Anderson reported on a FSMTB meeting regarding a proposed licensure compact. The Board will continue to monitor.

Next Meeting Date

Next meeting is February 17, 2023, 9:30 AM by virtual means.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 PM.

Chair

Date

Vice Chair

Date