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<u>PUBLIC MINUTES</u> Monday January 8, 2024

The January 8, 2024, Board meeting was called to order at 9:14 a.m. at 7 Eagle Square, Concord, NH with the following members present:

Susan Prasch, Board Member

Heather Pearl, Board Member

Teresa Boyer, Board Administrator

Cassandra Brown, Board Counsel

I. MINUTES

The Board tabled the public minutes of April 21, 2023.

II. <u>LICENSING/APPLICATIONS</u>

None

III. HEARINGS

A. Michael Diamond - Adjudicative - Continued

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Scope of Practice Clarification Request.

The question to the Board was it ok for Massage Therapists to use electricity in N.H. The Board advised that this was not within the scope of their profession.



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V. <u>BOARD ADMIN/OPLC UPDATES</u>

A. Division Director Jessica Kallipolites

Jessica Kallipolites joined the meeting to speak about a possible stakeholder meeting to discuss Legislation regarding establishment licensure. Board member Heather Pearl would like to learn more about what type of licensure this would be and what effects it would have on the licensees. The Board is open to having a stakeholder meeting regarding this topic. More information will be brought to the Board.

B. FSMTB

The Board reviewed the report as an FYI. They would like to see these as they come in.

C. Division Director Bethany Cottrell

Director Cottrell discussed with the Board compact licensure that will be available for all Massage licenses.

VI. LAWS & RULES

A. NH Legislative Services

Cassandra Brown discussed with Board what was coming up in this Legislative session and if they would like anything tracked to let Board Administrator.

B. Operations Director Heather Kelley

Director Kelley discussed with the Board the implementation of CE Broker and how it works for the Massage Licensees.

Motion to commence non-public session: 9:45am

On the motion of Heather Pearl, seconded by Susan Prasch the Board voted to conduct a non-public session for the purpose of discussing investigations of alleged licensee misconduct and noting that such a non-public session is authorized by RSA 91-A: 3, II (c), RSA 91-A: 3, II (e), RSA 91-A: 5, IV, Lodge v. Knowlton, 119 N.H. 574 (1978), and the Board's executive and deliberative privileges. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.



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Motion to keep minutes of non-public session confidential:

Upon the motion of Susan Prasch, seconded by Heather Pearl, the Board voted to withhold and seal all the minutes of the proceeding non-public session from public disclosure pursuant to RSA 91-A:3, III on the grounds that public disclosure would be likely to affect adversely the reputation of a person other than a Board member and to render the proposed action ineffective. Each member recorded his or her vote on the motion, which passed by the unanimous vote of all members present.

Adjournment

Susan Prasch made a motion to adjourn at 10:03am Heather Pearl seconded; motion passes with a roll call vote.