



Massage Therapists, Bodyworkers and Touch Professional Advisor Group

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Rachel Baird, Jessica Swartley, Sylvia Gaboriault

Members Present via phone:

Member(s) Absent: None

OPR Personnel Present: Lauren Layman; General Counsel, Noura Eltabbakh; Staff Attorney, Emily Tredeau; Staff Attorney, Kasey Mayer; Licensing Administrator I, Tara Grenier; Chief Licensing Administrator, Kamanie Sweet; Licensing Administrator I

Guests: Tracy Gilman

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:01 A.M., by General Counsel Lauren Layman
2. Staff and advisor introductions
3. **Discussion Items:**
 - Massage rules have been drafted and General Counsel Lauren Layman discussed the process regarding rulemaking and approval.
 - Jessica Swartley brought up the assumed price increase regarding renewals. General Counsel Lauren Layman discussed fee structure regarding when and how the application and renewal fees originated.
 - Rachel Baird asked if a nurse would be able to provide energy work in a hospital setting without needing to register as part of the Massage Therapy, Body Workers, and Touch Professionals profession.
 - Guest Tracy Gilman feels like there should be more openings on the advisor group. She brought forward concerns regarding the new rules and that her scope of practice is going to be limited.
 - Distinction between registration, certification, licensure, and the costs associated with a Board group versus an advisor group were discussed by General Counsel Lauren Layman.
4. **Adjourn.** With the lack of further business, the meeting adjourned at 09:34 AM.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

To be scheduled

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