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This is a brief overview of public proceedings during a scheduled Workshop of the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy (NSBMT) regarding the NSBMT's actions that affect its licensees and the profession of massage therapy, reflexology, and structural integration in Nevada.

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Locations of Workshop: see attached NSBMT Agenda

Date of NSBMT Meeting: 12/13/2017

Meeting Start Time: 9:00am

#### Attendees:

BOD: April, Deidra, Margaret, Teresa, Sandy, Diane, Lorna, Bob, Elizabeth

Legal Counsel: Hashish, Colleen

Inspectors: Maggie, Bianca

35 Public Members

## Public Comment

**Rex Williams** – Registered Minister Practicing Reflexology; Representing Reflexology Association of America (Sandy mentioned “An organization equivalent to American Massage Therapy Association”)

- Regulation of Reflexology Association of America (RAA); 200 to 300 hours of instruction.
- No mention of RAA about information to get licensed.
- Then Mr. William's went on to say and sell ABMP through RAA, as he sells insurance.
- Asked for “Grandfathering”, Sandy replied that “Members with at least 2 years of practice w/ massage licensure, the ability to take the exam prior to October 1, 2018. After October 1, 2018 one must require the eligibility to take exams – (200 hours, 250 hours, and 350 hours, pending on which exam).”
- Threatened to take action of “Breach of trust can be brought up,” against the NSBMT. Sandy then replied again about taking the NCBTMB Exams.

**Nancy Zitko** – 4-year Reflexologist

- ARCB does testing with no schooling

**Lana Hammond** – City of Henderson, Business License office

- Needed the Board's clarification on Reflexology (Hands, Feet, Ears)
  - No lubrication vs. pressure (distinguishing Reflexology vs. a foot massage)

**Robert Lee** – 1 year Reflexologist

- Expressed the concern of the Asian community, with Reflexology being around and being performed for thousands of years (in regard to the need of regulation).
- Requested “Non-English Tests”, Sandy replied that she requested to adopt Mandarin Chinese exams, as ITEC offers International Languages.



## Lorna Benedict

- Clarification on Reflexology Licenses with having a Reflexology Establishment Licenses.

### School Testing Sites

Fu Zu Ba (South)      Northwest Health Careers (South)      Cortiva Institute (South)  
Bohdi Tree (North)

### Tests

NCBTMB – Reflexology exam, starting April 2018, \$95 (Mandarin Chinese & English).

## Kelly Wuest – Commission of Postsecondary Education and SAA Director

- Certifiable Schools
  - Fu Zu Ba - (Nathan O'Hara, Owner) 200 hours
  - AMO - 200 hours
  - LB - 250 hours
  - Bodhi Tree - 350 hours w/ ITEC (Starting in February w/ NCBTMB)
- Henderson requires 110 hours of Education & 90 hours Practicum.

## Lilin Cai – Representing a few in the Asian Community

- Asked what will be necessary to perform Reflexology, Sandy replied, “the blue card, a reflexology establishment certification, fees pending on the amount of rooms, city or county business license.
- Requested the Board to make a decision after the community has time to discuss the changes, as the community didn't understand what was going on and needed translation.

## Denise Bolanos – Licensed Massage Therapist

- Asked about not fully draping a client who has on Religious Clothing or underwear while performing medical massage.
- Board & **Gayle Allen**, LMT Northern NV, responded to not expose or touch the underwear/garments and suggested to drape over the client with a sheet, as the client has boundaries.
- Religious groups are clothed and Therapists don't feel the need to drape, as clothes and an extra barrier will constrict the massage strokes.

## Son Kar (wife of Lee Reed) – Licensed Massage Therapist, Spa Owner

- Felt that the fees are too high.
- Wasn't informed of the changes, Sandy replied to check the Board website, sign up for notifications, and that AB 179 has been on the agenda since the beginning of the year.

## Robin Graber – Licensed Massage Therapist, Northern Nevada, on the subject of SI

- Asked if Mentors and Mentees getting continuing education at the same time
  - Instructor & Student get CEH with Structural Integration

## Lee Reed – Multiple Spa Establishment Owner



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- Said the Board needs to relax on the high fees, and being at the Meeting costs him hundreds of dollars as City required him to have a Key holder License for an employee, while the owner or manager isn't present.
- Said the fees should start at \$50, \$100, \$150 for establishment citations not \$500, \$1000, \$5000 etc.
- Said to focus on the business owners in good standing to promote their businesses, and not to make rules and regulations from "Naughty Therapists".

### Michelle Flater - Wynn Spa Representative

- Inquired about Establishment Licenses
  - Will need two separate Establishment Licenses; Wynn and Encore.
  - Professional Massage will have to apply for an Establishment License for every poker room, if the (In house) Spa doesn't manage massage services in the poker room.

### Massage, Reflexology, SI Breakdown

- ❖ Massage can perform Reflexology
- ❖ Reflexology can't perform Massage or SI
- ❖ SI can perform massage and Reflexology

Jatasha Goodman – Licensed Massage Therapist of Henderson, Called to the front by Sandy on the sufficient wording of Sec. 4

- Jatasha agreed the verbiage is sufficient

### Board Adopts LCB File No. R108-17 : 6/8 For, 1 Against, 1 Undecided

### Mavies Gascon – Licensed Massage Therapist

- Requested the Board to consider adding an extra fee of \$25 but no more than \$40 to the registration for a repayment plan, biannually or quarterly

Meeting adjourned by 2:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Mavies Gascon - Chapter President

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# Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy

## WORKSHOP TO SOLICIT COMMENTS ON PROPOSED REGULATIONS AND AGENDA

Notice of a Public Workshop and Request for Comments for possible changes to Nevada Administrative Code, Chapter 640C related to the practice of massage therapy, reflexology, and structural integration; and/or amendments pertaining to revisions to NAC 640C.010 through 640C.420, inclusive, establishing fees for licensure and certification, establishing administrative fines, and other matters relating thereto and Agenda.

The Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy will hold a public hearing for LCB File No. R108-17 and a public **workshop and request for comments** on **December 13, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the following locations:

**Grant Sawyer Building – Las Vegas**  
555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 4412  
Las Vegas, NV 89101

**Videoconference To:**  
**Nevada Legislative Building – Carson City**  
401 South Carson Street, Suite 2134  
Carson City, NV 89701

The purpose of the meeting is to receive comments from all interested persons, to consider the adoption of LCB File No. R108-17, and to review the Nevada Administrative Code, Chapter 640C. Persons wishing to comment and participate in the meeting of the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy may appear at the scheduled meeting or may address their comments, data, views, or arguments, in written form to: The Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy, 1755 E. Plumb Lane, Suite 252, Reno, NV 89502 Attn: Sandy Anderson, or via email at [sjanderson@lmt.nv.gov](mailto:sjanderson@lmt.nv.gov). In order for written submissions to be made available to members and the public, the written submissions must be received before December 11, 2017.

A copy of this Notice will be on file at the State Library, 100 N. Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada. Additional copies of the notice will be available at the office of the Board, Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy, 1755 East Plumb Lane, Suite 252, Reno, Nevada 89502, at the main public library in all counties in which an office of the Board is not maintained, on Board's website [massagetherapy.nv.gov](http://massagetherapy.nv.gov), at [notices.nv.gov](http://notices.nv.gov), and on the State Legislatures website at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/App/Notice/A/>.

### AGENDA

1. Call to order and roll call of Board Members
2. Public comment
3. Public Hearing for LCB File No. R108-17 (For Discussion)
4. Discussion and Possible Adoption of LCB File No. R108-17 (For Possible Action)

5. Workshop to Discuss Regulatory Changes related to the practice of massage therapy, reflexology, and structural integration; and/or amendments pertaining to revisions to NAC 640C.010 through 640C.420, inclusive, establishing fees for licensure and certification, establishing administrative fines, and other matters relating thereto. (For Discussion and Possible Action)
6. Public Comment
7. Adjourn no later than 4:30 p.m.

**Notice:**

Items may be combined for consideration by the board. Items may be pulled or removed from the agenda at any time. Public comment will be taken at the beginning and at the end of the meeting. Regarding public comment no vote may be taken upon a matter raised under this agenda item until the matter itself has been specifically included on a future agenda as an item upon which action may be taken. (NRS 241.020). The Chair may allow comment on individual agenda items at her discretion. Please limit public comments to 3 minutes.

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 **December 11, 2017** to the following address: **Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy, 1755 E. Plumb Lane, Suite 252, Reno, NV 89502. To request supporting materials, please contact: Sandy Anderson, Executive Director at 775.687.9951 or via email: [sjanderson@lmt.nv.gov](mailto:sjanderson@lmt.nv.gov) supporting materials are also available at the Board's office and on the Board's website [http://massagetherapy.nv.gov/About/Board\\_Meetings/Meetings/](http://massagetherapy.nv.gov/About/Board_Meetings/Meetings/)**

Persons/facilities who want to be on the mailing list must submit a written request every six months to the Board. We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please notify Sandy Anderson at 775.687.9951 or [sjanderson@lmt.nv.gov](mailto:sjanderson@lmt.nv.gov) no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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Churchill County Library, 553 S. Main St., Fallon, NV 89406

Las Vegas Library, 833 Las Vegas Blvd. North, Las Vegas, NV 89101-2062

Douglas County Library, 1625 Library Lane, Minden, NV 89423-0337

Elko County Library, 720 Court St., Elko, NV 89801-3397

Esmeralda County Library, Corner of Crook and 4<sup>th</sup> Street, P.O. Box 430, Goldfield, NV 89013-0430

Eureka Branch Library, 10190 Monroe St., Eureka, NV 89316

Humboldt County Library, 85 East 5<sup>th</sup> St., Winnemucca, NV 89445-3095

Battle Mountain Branch Library (Lander County), 625 South Broad Street, Battle Mountain, NV 89820

Lincoln County Library, 63 Main Street, Pioche, NV 89043

Lyon County Library, 20 Nevin Way, Yerington NV 89447-2399

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Tonopah Public Library, 167 S. Central St., P.O. Box 449 Tonopah, NV 89049

Pershing County Library, 1125 Central Avenue, Lovelock, NV 89419

Storey County Public Library (CLOSED), instead sent to Storey County Clerk's Office, Drawer D, Virginia City, NV 89440

White Pine County Library, 950 Campton St., Ely, NV 89301

Las Vegas Office of the Nevada Attorney General, 555 E. Washington Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89101

Carson City Office of the Nevada Attorney General, 100 N. Carson St. Carson City, NV 89701

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