

**COLLEGE OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**  
**BOARD MEETING – PUBLIC PORTION**  
**304-1212 West Broadway, Vancouver**  
**Friday, September 15, 2017 at 9:35 AM**  
**MINUTES**

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**In Attendance:**

Catherine Ryan (Chair)  
Nicholas Aubin  
Lynne Harris  
Claudia Lee  
Ashley Leighton  
Lorna Pawluk  
Brent Rowland  
Marilynne Waithman  
Michael Wiebe  
Marieka Zimmerman

**Regrets:**

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**Also Attending:**

Eric Wredenhagen (Registrar/CEO)  
Monica Winter (Director, Finance and Operations)  
Annette Ruitenbeek (Director, Professional Practice)  
Kate Parisotto (Director, Inquiry and Discipline)  
Alison Skoda (Assistant, Inquiry and Discipline) (Recording)

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m.

**2. Roll Call of Members Present**

**3. Approval of Previous Minutes**

**Motion:** To approve the previous minutes from the meetings held on June 23 and August 9, 2017 as circulated before the meeting. **Carried.**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** To approve the agenda as circulated before the meeting. **Carried.**

**5. Board Member Declarations of Bias/Conflicts of Interest re Agenda Items**

None.

**6. Chair's Report**

Ms. Ryan thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. She advised that the Registrar would report on recent developments at the College.

## **7. Registrar's Report**

Mr. Wredenhagen reported that there have been a number of changes and upgrades at the College. As an example, he noted the recent renovation of the Boardroom, which was done to create more workspace in the back area of the office. He also noted that the Boardroom AV system has been replaced. These upgrades were completed within budget.

Mr. Wredenhagen also reported that the College has also upgraded its telephone and email systems, and will soon be transitioning to a Cloud-based server. The College will also be looking at better ways for the Board members to access meeting materials and documents.

Mr. Wredenhagen further reported that Michele Gocolay, previously the Assistant, Inquiry & Discipline, has resigned. He noted that College staff members are sorry to see Ms. Gocolay leave and that she will be missed.

## **8. New Business**

### **8.1 Consideration of Annual General Meeting (AGM) Resolutions**

Ms. Parisotto advised that the Board had considered most of the resolutions at its June meeting, but that two remain outstanding.

#### **8.1.1 "Limited/Provisional License for New Graduates" (Moved by Lizette Tucker)**

The Board reviewed and considered the resolution. During the discussion, Ms. Parisotto advised the Board that a regulatory college established under the *Health Professions Act* may only establish a class of restricted or provisional registrants if it is authorized (prescribed) by the Minister of Health by regulation to do so. She also advised that this College has not been authorized to do so by the Minister of Health. Accordingly, the College's Board is not able to establish a class of restricted or provisional registrants.

Ms. Parisotto noted that other colleges without this authority have nonetheless established classes of student or limited registration. She noted, however, that generally these are professions where a supervision requirement can be implemented, where the profession practices a restricted activity, or where professionals are employed within a hospital/health authority.

The Board determined that it does not see a pressing public interest reason to establish a limited registration class. Board members noted that applicants who have not yet successfully completed the registration examination may provide massage as bodyworkers, given that massage therapy is no longer a restricted activity under the applicable legislation. Board members noted that massage services provided by bodyworkers are generally not covered by MSP or third party insurers, and that this resolution may be driven by an economic interest.

The Board also discussed the possibility of holding registration examinations more often. After receiving information from staff members, the Board agreed that the College is currently unable to offer registration examinations more than twice per year, given its resources and staffing level.

The Board determined that no further action would be taken on this resolution, except communicating back to registrants.

**8.1.2 “Patient Relations Committee – Establish a Patient Relations Program” (Moved by Lizette Tucker)**

The Board reviewed and considered the resolution. Ms. Parisotto, as the staff support for the Patient Relations Committee, noted that the College has an active Patient Relations Committee which meets regularly. Staff members advised that the online College-authored course on professional boundaries is currently in development; revised practice standards are also currently being developed.

The Board agreed that this College views sexual misconduct as a very serious problem and that the Patient Relations Committee, as well as the Board and other committees, has already developed and continues to develop resources and processes for the prevention of sexual misconduct. For example, the Patient Relations Committee has in the past made recommendations to develop educational material for registrants, members of the public and patients, as detailed in past Annual Reports. As another example, the College is currently devoting resources to developing the online course on professional boundaries for registrants.

With respect to the language in the resolution about collaboration, the Board noted that this was addressed in the discussion at the last Board meeting (see previous minutes).

The Board determined that no further action would be taken on this resolution, except communicating back to registrants.

**8.2 Committee Reports**

**8.2.1 Inquiry Committee Report**

Ms. Pawluk referred to her written report, which was circulated before the meeting. She reported that the Inquiry Committee’s caseload remains large and that the committee members continue to invest a lot of time.

**8.2.2 Discipline Committee Report**

Dr. Waithman reported that the Discipline Committee has not conducted any discipline hearings in 2017 to date. However, one or more hearings may be scheduled in spring of 2018.

### 8.2.3 Quality Assurance Committee Report

Dr. Waithman reported that two recent meetings have been held with representatives from the Registered Massage Therapists' Association of B.C. on the subject of quality assurance (specifically, continuing education credits).

### 9. Adjournment

**Motion:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m. *Carried.*



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Registrar



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Chair