

COLLEGE OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
BOARD MEETING (PUBLIC PORTION)
304-1212 West Broadway, Vancouver
Friday, May 7, 2021
MINUTES

Board Members in attendance (via videoconference):

Robin Perry (Chair)	Laura Dunkley
Jana Konkin (Vice Chair)	Deborah Charrois
Kristen Burrows	Emily Bissonnette
Joti Dhesi	

Regrets:

Harman Pandher

Also attending (via videoconference):

Eric Wredenhagen (Registrar/CEO)
Kate Parisotto (Director, Inquiry & Discipline)
Annette Ruitenbeek (Director, Professional Practice)
Kate Irvine (Paralegal/Administrator, Inquiry and Discipline) (Recording)
Patricia Bentley (Court Reporter, Charest Reporting Inc.)

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:17 a.m.

2. Roll call of members present

A roll call was conducted.

3. Approval of previous minutes

Motion: To approve the meeting minutes from the public portion of the March 26, 2021 meeting as circulated before the meeting, with one revision: to add more detail in section 6 regarding the Registrar's report on his discussion with the Federation of Massage Therapy Regulatory Authorities of Canada (FOMTRAC). *Carried.*

4. Approval of this agenda

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

5. Board Member declarations of conflicts of interest regarding any agenda item(s)

None.

6. Registrar's report

Mr. Wredenhagen advised the Board that Taylor James Laviolette has resigned from the Board; he has also resigned from the Committees on which he was serving.

7. Chair's report

Mr. Perry gave a brief report in advance of the upcoming election for Board Chair and Vice Chair. He advised that he has enjoyed serving as the Board Chair and would be standing for election to serve as Chair again.

8. New business

8.1 Election of Board Chair and Vice Chair

As the one-year terms of the Board Chair and Vice Chair had ended, pursuant to sections 10 and 11 of the Bylaws, there was a call for nominations for these positions. Robin Perry was nominated to serve another term as Chair. Jana Konkin was nominated to serve another term as Vice Chair. There were no additional nominations put forward. Accordingly, Mr. Perry and Ms. Konkin were acclaimed as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, for another one-year term.

8.2 Update on Strategic Plan

Mr. Wredenhagen provided an update on CMTBC's progress with respect to the strategic priorities set out in CMTBC's Strategic Plan for 2020 to 2022. Mr. Wredenhagen advised that he anticipated that planning for the next strategic plan would start early next year (2022).

Mr. Wredenhagen noted that a revised Code of Ethics and a new practice standard took effect on January 15, 2021. He advised that feedback on the new CMTBC online course on the Code of Ethics and practice environment standard has been positive.

Mr. Wredenhagen provided an update on new staff positions, including the Practice Advisor role, and provided some numbers relating to how many registrants have consulted with the Practice Advisor.

With respect to entry-to-practice requirements, Mr. Wredenhagen reported on the three examination sittings that have taken place since the beginning of the pandemic, and the rigorous arrangements that were made for those sittings.

Mr. Wredenhagen noted that he has begun a discussion with FOMTRAC regarding updating the Inter-Jurisdictional Competencies and Performance Indicators for Entry to Massage Therapy document, as he had advised the Board at the last Board meeting.

Mr. Wredenhagen also discussed how CMTBC had strengthened communications with registrants during the COVID-19 pandemic.

8.3 Presentation by Dr. David Cane on Career Span Competencies

The Board received a presentation from Dr. David Cane on behalf of the Quality Assurance Committee. The Quality Assurance Committee has committed to developing a Quality Improvement (QI) aspect to registrants' ongoing demonstration of continuing competency, in contrast to the Quality Assurance aspect of the Quality Assurance Program. Quality Assurance is addressed by ongoing development of practice standards with corresponding online courses that provide instruction on implementing the

standards in massage therapy practice. This QA-component contrasts with Quality Improvement (QI), which recognizes that RMTs are at different stages of their career arc from each other, and that the “one size fits all” nature of practice standards assures minimum standards but does not address professionalism over the span of a health professional’s career. The Career Span Competencies model provides a way to assess registrants’ ongoing continuing competency over the phases of an individual’s career.

8.4 Accreditation/Canadian Massage Therapy Council for Accreditation (CMTCA) Update

Ms. Ruitenbeek presented on accreditation, providing some background on CMTCA as well as an update on its operations.

8.5 Committee reports:

8.5.1 Discipline Committee report

A written report from the Discipline Committee was circulated. Ms. Parisotto stated that the decisions on verdict and penalty from a 2020 discipline hearing were recently published on CMTBC’s website.

8.5.2 Inquiry Committee report

A written report from the Inquiry Committee was circulated. Ms. Parisotto provided one update in addition to the report, regarding the outcome of a recent extraordinary action proceeding.

8.5.3 Registration Committee report

A written report from the Registration Committee report was circulated, relating to two recent meetings of the Registration Committee since the last Board meeting in March.

Motion: To accept all committee reports as presented. *Carried.*

9. Adjournment

Motion: The public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 11:27 a.m. *Carried.*



Registrar



Chair