

COLLEGE OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
BOARD MEETING (PUBLIC PORTION)
304-1212 West Broadway, Vancouver
Friday, November 19, 2021
MINUTES

Board Members in attendance (via videoconference):

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

Regrets:

Emily Bissonnette

Also attending (via videoconference):

Eric Wredenhagen (Registrar/CEO)
Kate Parisotto (Deputy Registrar & Director, Inquiry & Discipline) (Recording)
Patricia Bentley (Court Reporter, Charest Reporting Inc.)

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 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 August 27, 2021 meeting as circulated before the meeting. *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 reported that the fall sitting of CMTBC's registration examination had concluded successfully, with approximately 170 candidates passing the examination.

Mr. Wredenhagen also reported that CMTBC staff are in the process of entering into a sub-lease for a new office space, given the upcoming end of CMTBC's lease for its current office space.

Mr. Wredenhagen advised that staff will be asking the Board to meet again in December, and would be circulating potential dates for that meeting.

Mr. Wredenhagen also reported that he would have more information for the Board in January with respect to a joint Board education session with the Registered Massage Therapists' Association of B.C. (RMTBC).

7. Chair's report

The Chair did not provide a report.

8. New business

8.1 Approval of proposed Bylaw amendments

Ms. Parisotto introduced the proposed Bylaw amendments, summarizing the changes, which would establish a requirement for registrants to take a CMTBC-authored online course on documentation in 2022 and create a fee for the course, as well as change the length of advance notification to the public of a discipline hearing. Ms. Parisotto explained that the Bylaws currently require CMTBC to post notice of a discipline hearing two to four weeks before the hearing; this amendment would change the requirement to four to eight weeks before the hearing. Ms. Parisotto explained that this would provide CMTBC with more flexibility and enhance public transparency. Mr. Wredenhagen explained that continued development of online courses to reinforce learning on recently introduced standards of practice is a part of the quality assurance program contemplated by the Quality Assurance Committee. Mr. Wredenhagen noted that the new continuing competence program approved by the Quality Assurance Committee, with both quality assurance and quality improvement components, will take effect in 2023.

Motion: To approve the Bylaw amendment (notice) as presented. *Carried.*

Motion: To approve the Bylaw amendment (no notice) as presented. *Carried.*

8.2 Update regarding Canadian Massage Therapy Council for Accreditation (CMTCA) Funding Agreement

Mr. Wredenhagen reported that, consistent with the Board's previous direction, CMTBC has now entered a new funding agreement with CMTCA which will be effective January 1, 2022.

8.3 Committee reports:

8.3.1 Discipline Committee report

A written report from the Discipline Committee was circulated. Ms. Parisotto reported that only one discipline hearing remains in 2021, a one-day hearing scheduled for December 15, 2021. Three discipline hearings have now been scheduled for 2022.

8.3.2 Inquiry Committee report

A written report from the Inquiry Committee was circulated. Ms. Parisotto advised that the Inquiry Committee's caseload continues to track higher than in 2020.

8.3.3 Registration Committee report

A written report from the Registration Committee was circulated, indicating that the Registration Committee has not met since the last Board meeting, but would be meeting soon.

8.3.4 Quality Assurance Committee report

A written report from the Quality Assurance Committee was circulated, reporting on a recent meeting of the Committee, and providing background and updates on the development of the Career Span Competencies (CSC) quality improvement approach which has been approved by the Quality Assurance Committee. The Board was advised that work is underway to implement the quality improvement component of the continuing competence program as of January 2023.

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

8.4 Board Meeting Dates for 2022

Ms. Parisotto advised that staff would follow up with Board members after the meeting regarding scheduling of Board meeting dates for 2022.

8.5 Presentation from Dr. Ania Kania-Richmond

The Board received a presentation from Dr. Ania Kania-Richmond on the topic of “Evidence-Informed Practice: Introduction to an Integrated Approach on Evidence-Informed Massage Therapy Practice”. Dr. Kania-Richmond discussed the elements of evidence-informed practice, and potential approaches for regulators.

9. Adjournment

Motion: The public portion of the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m., resuming from 10:04 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for the presentation from Dr. Kania-Richmond, before final adjournment at approximately 11:00 a.m. *Carried.*



Registrar



Chair