

COLLEGE OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
BOARD MEETING (PUBLIC PORTION)
Friday, May 1, 2020
MINUTES

Board members in attendance (via videoconference):

Robin Perry (Chair)	Laura Dunkley
Jana Konkin (Vice Chair)	Harman Pandher
Joti Dhesi	Taylor James Laviolette
Thomas Klie-Cribb	Kristen Burrows
Nicholas Aubin	

Also attending:

Eric Wredenhagen (Registrar/CEO)
Kate Parisotto (Director, Inquiry and 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 10:06 a.m.

2. Roll call of members present

A roll call was conducted. All Board members were present (via videoconference).

3. Approval of the agenda

Motion: To approve the agenda as circulated before the meeting, with one revision (to add a discussion item regarding CMTBC's interpretation of the guidance provided to health professionals by Dr. Bonnie Henry in her letter dated March 23, 2020). *Carried.*

4. Board member declarations of conflicts of interest regarding any agenda item(s)

None.

5. Registrar's report

Mr. Wredenhagen welcomed the two new elected Board members, Kristen Burrows and Taylor James Laviolette.

Mr. Wredenhagen also provided an update with respect to the current working arrangements of CMTBC staff, given the current pandemic and public health emergency measures. The CMTBC office remains closed to the public but CMTBC operations continue.

Finally, he provided an update on the joint funding agreement with the Registered Massage Therapists' Association of B.C. ("RMTBC") to eliminate the fee for the boundaries and consent online course, advising that many registrants have provided positive feedback.

Motion: To accept the Registrar's report. *Carried.*

6. In camera portion of meeting

The Board went into an *in camera* session at approximately 10:15 a.m.

The Board resumed its meeting in public at 10:45 a.m.

It was announced that Jana Konkin had been acclaimed as Vice-Chair of the Board and that an election for Chair of the Board would be conducted at the conclusion of the Board meeting.

7. Public business

7.1 Approval of previous public Board minutes (January 24, 2020)

Motion: To approve the previous minutes from the January 24, 2020 Board meeting (public portion). *Carried.*

7.2 Posting of proposed practice setting standard for consultation

The Board discussed the proposed standard of practice which has been reviewed and developed by the Quality Assurance Committee and the Patient Relations Committee. The Board agreed that the proposed standard should be posted for a period during which feedback from registrants, members of the public, and other stakeholders (such as other regulatory bodies) may be received. The Board discussed whether the standard should be posted for a notice and consultation period immediately or whether it should be posted at a later date, given the circumstances relating to the current COVID-19 pandemic. Some Board members felt that it should be posted immediately. Others were concerned that it would be confusing for registrants to do so, given the current circumstances.

Motion: To approve that the proposed practice setting standard of practice be published for notice and consultation, in conjunction with information about return to work for registrants. *Carried.*

7.3 Bylaw Amendment (Quality Assurance, Cycle 12)

Ms. Parisotto introduced the proposed Bylaw amendment, which implements the extension for completion of elective continuing education requirements which was recently approved by the Quality Assurance Committee. The Quality Assurance Committee extended the deadline to earn continuing education credits (CECs) by completing activities approved for Cycle 12 from October 31, 2020 to October 31, 2021, given the challenges faced by registrants due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

7.4 Telehealth

The Board discussed the materials relating to telehealth. The Board was of the view that the possibility of delivery of massage therapy by telehealth or other virtual means should be further explored.

Motion: That staff obtain further information relating to massage therapy delivery via telehealth or other virtual means and develop draft criteria for the delivery of massage

therapy by such means and bring further information and draft criteria to the Board for further discussion at the next Board meeting. **Carried.**

7.5 Questions on Committee Reports

7.5.1 Discipline Committee Report

A written report from the Discipline Committee was circulated. No questions were asked.

7.5.2 Inquiry Committee Report

A written report from the Inquiry Committee was circulated. Board members asked some questions about the increased caseload in inquiry files, which were answered by Ms. Parisotto.

7.5.3 Registration Committee Report

A written report from the Registration Committee was circulated. Board members asked some questions about the delivery of the registration examination given the current COVID-19 pandemic, which were answered by Ms. Ruitenbeek.

7.5.4 Quality Assurance Committee Report

A written report from the Quality Assurance Committee was circulated. No questions were asked.

7.5.5 Patient Relations Committee Report

A written report from the Patient Relations Committee was circulated. No questions were asked.

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

7.6 CMTBC's interpretation of Dr. Bonnie Henry's March 23, 2020 letter

Board members asked some questions regarding the guidance distributed to registrants by CMTBC as part of the interpretation of Dr. Bonnie Henry's March 23, 2020 letter, including regarding the "allowable exception" process. Staff responded to those questions and summarized the "allowable exception" process.

8. Additional *in camera* portion of meeting

The Board went into an additional *in camera* session at 2:06 p.m.

The Board resumed its meeting in public at 2:37 p.m.

It was announced that Robin Perry had been elected as Chair of the Board.

9. Adjournment

Motion: The public portion of the meeting was adjourned for the day at 2:39 p.m. **Carried.**

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Registrar

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Chair