

**Department of Financial and Professional Regulation  
Division of Professional Regulation  
Illinois Massage Licensing Board**

**Open Minutes**

**Date: December 2, 2019**

**Location: IDFPR - Chicago Office – 9-171 A**

**Convened: 11:10 a.m.**

**Adjourned: 1:51 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Emmanuel Bistas, Chairperson  
Rebecca Saban, Member  
Debbie Roberts, Member  
Kendall Alexander, Member

**Members Not Present:** Karen Heyden, Member  
Aaron Witz, Member

**Staff:** Richard Schultz, General Counsel  
Patrick Golembeck, Board Liaison

**Guest:** None

**Open Session:** The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. and roll call was taken. Those in attendance constitute a quorum. Motion was taken and meeting went into Closed Session. Motion by Emmanuel Bistas: Moved to go into Closed Session at 12:09 p.m. Pursuant to Section 2(C) (4) (15) and (21) of the Open Meeting Act.

Second (Alexander) and carried by all Board Members without dissent. Roll call vote for Board Members was taken to go into Closed Session.

**Announcements, Correspondence:** None

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** NA.

**Old Business:** Discussion on what to do if applicant is short of hours to get licensed in Illinois but already graduated from a massage school. Massage schools will not let students only take partial courses, will make them take the whole program. Will work with board attorney, IBHE and massage schools to get them to allow partial course work. Illinois Community Colleges will allow partial course work but not all applicants are near a community college that offers massage. Will communicate this to applicants.

**New Business: Cannabis oils:** CBD is a hemp product and not regulated as long as it is in the scope of practice. Have to have a license to distribute cannabis and cannot use in a public place.

**Closed Session: A:** Application Review

**B:** Asian Bodywork

**C.** Licensing Exam

**D.** Deliberation – the board reviewed and made one recommendation to the director.

**Open Session:** Motion by Emmanuel Bistas: Move to come out of Closed Session at 1:37 p.m. Seconded by Roberts and carried without dissent to approve all recommendations to the Director made in Closed Session.

**Chairperson's Time:** Talked about massage therapist numbers are dwindling.

**Board Liaison Time:** Next meeting February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 in Springfield office at 11:00 a.m.

Travel Vouchers

**Adjournment:** Motion by Emmanuel Bistas to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by (Roberts) and carried without dissent. Meeting adjourned at 1:51 p.m.