

**Meeting Minutes**  
**South Dakota Board of Massage Therapy**  
Thursday January 9, 2020 7:00 PM CST  
Teleconference

The meeting of the South Dakota Board of Massage Therapy (“Board”) was called to order at approximately 07:06 PM CST and the presence of a quorum was confirmed. Board President Christine Ellwein facilitated the meeting.

**Members of the Board present telephonically:** Christine Ellwein, Loren Pankratz, Al Trace Fallon Helm. Bridget Myers joined at approximately 7:15.

**Others in attendance telephonically:** Mitch Richter, Executive Secretary, Morgan Brekke Board Attorney, Chelsea Wenzel, Julie Richter, Sierra Brussard, Rebekah Herman, Olawa Bruhjell, Eugene Heller, Rhanda Heller

The Board reviewed the draft agenda, Pankratz motion to approve as is, Trace Second. Roll call was taken and the **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Approval of minutes was moved to the next meeting.

Ellwein called for public comments. Eugene Heller and Rhanda Heller addressed the board.

Upon a motion by Trace and second by Pankratz, the Board unanimously voted to go into executive session pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3) for a consultation with legal counsel and invited Mitch Richter, Morgan Brekke and Chelsea Wenzel. Roll call was taken and the **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Trace moved to go out of executive session, Pankratz second. Roll call was taken and the **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Trace made a motion to maintain the decision to dismiss complaints 2019-002 and 2019-003. Myers second. Roll call vote was taken with Fallon, Trace, Ellwein, and Myers **VOTING TO APPROVE.** Pankratz abstained.

Helm made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Second by Pankratz. A roll call vote was taken and the **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Fallon Helm Secretary