

GM502 Olivia Nagashima

(1) Why do you wish to be a member of the Board of Massage Therapy?

As a member of the Board of Massage I can assist in maintaining the integrity in our licensing regulations so that interpretations are consistent and reasonable within the law.

(2) What do you perceive are the roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board of Massage Therapy?

The roles and responsibilities of a member of the Board must be unbiased and fair as well as able to communicate and work well with others and maintain a professional and positive attitude.

(3) Given your understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a Board of Massage Therapy member, why do you believe that you are qualified for the position? Please include a brief statement of your skills, expertise and knowledge that would aid you as a member of the Board.

My management skills of owning a massage therapy establishment for 24+ years, as an instructor in this profession since 2006, experience as president of the local chapter of a national organization for a cumulative period of over 7 years, being a member of a government relations committee in a national organization for over 5 years, gives me a broad knowledge of the education and skills required to be a licensed professional massage therapist as well as some knowledge in legislative processes.

(4) What do you hope to accomplish during your term of service?

I hope to be able to complete a revised and updated rules and regulations (HAR 16-84) for this profession to be able to have guidelines that meet the current business and technological environments.

(5) Name three qualities that best describe you and how these qualities will benefit the Board of Massage Therapy.

My qualities that will help me provide the best service with this board include, my strong leadership skills, my ability to provide a fair and unbiased opinion on matters of the board as well as my broad knowledge of the profession on a national level and access to a broad network of industry professionals for insights and possible advice.

(6) Name a previous experience you've had that will be beneficial as a Board of Massage Therapy member.

In the legislative session for 2020, I lead a group of professionals in submitting legislation to reimplement sanitation rules into HRS452 (sanitation guidelines that were repealed by DOH) as well as requiring continuing education (with the help of our national organization's attorneys and lobbyists) to raise the level of professionalism in the 2021 legislative session. Both bills have since passed.

(7) Can you foresee any possible conflicts of interest that could arise during your service on the Board of Massage Therapy? How would you overcome conflicts of interest?

As a current instructor in this profession, there may be the perception that I influence the examination process. I have always indicated that I was an instructor and this has always been a condition of my accepting a position on the Board and have consulted our EO and DAGS representative when there is a perceived conflict. I have always kept a transparent position and will recuse myself if a potential conflict is presented.

Testimony of the Board of Massage Therapy

**Before the
Senate Committee on Commerce & Consumer Protection
Friday, February 18, 2022
9:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
G.M. 502, SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION
TO THE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, OLIVIA NAGASHIMA
FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6-30-2026**

Chair Baker and Members of the Committee:

My name is Risé Doi, and I am the Executive Officer of the Board of Massage Therapy (Board). The Board supports the confirmation of Ms. Olivia Nagashima's reappointment to the Board as license member.

Ms. Nagashima has previous experience as a Board member from 2008 to 2016 and was appointed to the Board in 2018. She currently serves as the Board chairperson and has many years of experience as a licensed massage therapist since obtaining her license in 1996. Her license is current, active, and in good standing.

Ms. Nagashima has been essential in assisting the Board with reviewing applications and rule drafting. She applies her experience gained in the industry and proposes possible ways that the Board can continue to protect the public. In her other capacity as the current president of the American Massage Therapy Association – Hawaii Chapter, Ms. Nagashima is familiar with the legislative process and Board functions. In addition to serving on the Board, Ms. Nagashima is the sole proprietor of her own massage therapy establishment and was an instructor at Remington College and Hawaii Healing Arts College.

The Board believes that Ms. Nagashima's expertise and vast knowledge of massage therapy, dedication to the profession, and her willingness to serve the public will continue to enhance the effectiveness of the Board.



Hawaii Healing Arts College
School of Massage Therapy



October 13, 2021

LATE

Ms. Rise Doi, Executive Director
Hawaii State Massage Board
335 Merchant Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

RE: OLIVIA NAGASHIMA

Dear Ms. Doi:

This is a letter of recommendation to have Olivia Nagashima continue as a Board Member for the Hawaii State Massage Board Commission. In my capacity as Student Affairs Coordinator, I have known Olivia as an instructor at Hawaii Healing Arts College for over 10 years. During her tenure here, I have had the experience of seeing Olivia's commitment to the massage profession and her enthusiasm in making the profession not only better, but more respected. She has tried to impress upon all our students the ethics and professionalism needed to be a massage therapist.

Having Olivia continue on the Hawaii State Massage Board Commission would be a definite asset to the massage profession.

Please feel free to contact me at studentaffairs@hawaii.rr.com should you have any questions.

Yours truly,

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Student Affairs Coordinator



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November 1, 2021

RE: Letter of Recommendation
Olivia Nagashima, LMT, CKTP, GTS
Appointment to State Board of Massage Therapy

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to you to urge the reconfirmation of Licensed Massage Therapist, Olivia Nagashima, for an additional term as a professional member of the Hawaii State Board of Massage Therapy.

My name is Dr. Joseph G. Morelli, Jr., and I am a practicing Doctor of Chiropractic in Hawaii for the past 43 years. Currently, I am the Board Secretary and Executive Director, and past President of the Hawaii State Chiropractic Association. I also serve as the Hawaii Delegate of the American Chiropractic Association, representing Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa, Saipan and the Mariana Islands.

As a longtime representative of the Chiropractic healthcare profession locally in Hawaii, and nationally, I believe that Ms. Nagashima will continue to add to the effectiveness of the Board of Massage Therapy due to her many years of clinical and professional experience as a healthcare practitioner and educator.

Additionally, now completing her a term on the Board of Massage Therapy, Ms. Nagashima has proven to be an asset to the State of Hawaii, and healthcare consumers of Hawaii, while serving on this board. She has helped the State of Hawaii navigate through some of the regulatory issues that have come up regarding healthcare in the challenging times that we currently live in.

I strongly urge for the reappointment of Ms. Olivia Nagashima for an additional term as a professional member of the Board of Massage Therapy, State of Hawaii.

If I may be of any further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Joseph G. Morelli, Jr., DC., F.I.C.C.