



COLORADO

**Division of Private
Occupational Schools**

Department of Higher Education

Jared Polis
Governor

Dr. Angie Paccione
Executive Director

Lorna Candler
Director

Colorado Board of Private Occupational Schools
Paul Garibay, Jr., Chair
Ryan Z. Minic, Vice Chair
Shelley Krovitz
Christopher Reister
Arlene R. Malay
A. Richard Behbehani
Tim Guerrero

Notice to Massage Therapy Stakeholders

The Board will be briefly discussing the rulemaking process during our Board meeting scheduled for 9:30 on March 26, 2019 at the Tivoli Center.

As the Division Noticed to all stakeholder on its website and via email (see Attachments 1 & 2), the Division discussed proposed rule changes based on verbal and written input from stakeholders who submitted comments and concerns directly to the Division after the Senate Hearing on HB 19-089. The Division provided all stakeholder comments to the Board as well as the work product and draft suggestions of the Division. After Discussing this matter, the Board collectively voted that it needed more time to consider the intended and unintended consequences of these draft proposed rule changes prior to approving any redline rules for public review.

Accordingly, the Division requested that the Board further consider the Division's draft work product in anticipation of further discussion amongst the Board during the next meeting. As you will note, the Agenda for the Board meeting on March 26, 2019 does reference "Rules" in the last section titled "Other Business" (Please see Attachment 3, Agenda for March 26, 2019). The Board meeting is open to the public. As previously provided in the above attached Notice:

While all Board meetings are open to the public, the Board adheres to its agenda and scheduled business items first and only allows limited public comment unless it has scheduled a session for public comment such a rulemaking hearing. Please understand that the process for commenting directly to the Board on rules will be at the stakeholders meeting and the public rule making hearing, which will be held before the Board after being scheduled and publicly noticed. The stakeholder meetings with the Division for purposes gathering information needed to make rule changes will likewise be publicly noticed and will be held prior to any rule making hearing.



Please understand that the Board has conveyed that it needs more time to consider the matter at issue prior to entering or Noticing the public rule making process and hearing, therefore this Board meeting will not be a Rule making hearing. As such, it will be up to the Board to determine whether it wishes to hear from members of public on this matter or whether it has questions for the members of the public. Generally, if the Board allows comments, it limits comments to 3-5 minutes.

Once the Board has had ample opportunity to consider rule changes or amendments, it will determine what rules it wishes to address and will also dictate the initiation of the timeline governed by the Administrative Procedures Act. (See C.R.S. Sections 24-4-101 et seq.).

