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TORRANCE LICENSE REVIEW BOARD AGENDA THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024 REGULAR MEETING 10:00 AM IN WEST ANNEX COMMISSION ROOM AT 3031 TORRANCE BOULEVARD

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2.	ROLL CALL
	License Review Board Members – Chun, Chair Rumery, Wade
	Alternate License Review Board Members – Botiller, Harris

3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

The agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on Thursday March 14, 2024.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS (Limited to a 15-minute period)

This portion of the meeting is reserved for public comment on items not on the agenda under the subject matter of the License Review Board. Under the Ralph M. Brown Act, Board Members cannot act on items raised during public comment but may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed; request clarification; or refer the item to staff. Speakers under this Public Comment period will have no longer than 1 minute per speaker. Please step up to the podium and speak clearly into the microphone.

6. Consent Calendar

Matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion and one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed by a Board Member from the Consent Calendar and considered separately.

6A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Thursday February 15, 2024

7. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- **7A.** <u>Angel's Massage</u>, application for a business license to allow the operation of a message establishment.
- 8. PUBLIC HEARINGS None
- 9. BOARD ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
- 10. ADJOURNMENT
 - **10A.** Adjournment of License Review Board Meeting to Thursday April 4, 2024, at 10:00 am in the West Annex Commission Room at 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE LICENSE REVIEW BOARD

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance License Review Board convened in a regular session at 10:02 a.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2024 in the West Annex meeting room at 3031 Torrance Boulevard.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Jordan Rumery, General Services

Board Member Jin Chun, City Manager's Office Board Member Eddie Harris, Transit Department

Also Present: Assistant City Attorney Tatia Strader

License Supervisor Suzanne Bittner

3. REPORT OF STAFF ON THE POSTING OF THE AGENDA

Chair Rumery reported that the agenda was posted on the Public Notice Board at 3031 Torrance Boulevard and on the City's website on Thursday, February 8, 2024.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF WITHDRAWN, DEFERRED, AND/OR SUPPLEMENTAL ITEMS

Chair Rumery noted that there was a supplemental item to Item 7B, which had also been posted on the website.

5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

A member of the public spoke.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- **6A.** APPROVAL OF MINUTES Thursday, December 21, 2023
- **6B.** APPROVAL OF MINUTES Thursday, January 18, 2024
- 6C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Friday, February 2, 2024 Special Meeting

MOTION: Member Chun moved to approve the minutes for the meetings held on December 21, 2023, January 18, 2024 and February 2, 2024 - Special Meeting, as submitted. The motion was seconded by Member Harris and the motion passed.

7. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS</u>

7A. DANIEL MIKKELSEN

Finance Department, License Division recommends the License Review Board adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, denying the appeal for the closure/non-renewal of his business license.

A member of the public spoke.

<u>MOTION</u>: Member Chun moved to accept the recommendation and adopt the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, denying the appeal for the closure/non-renewal of Daniel Mikkelsen's business license. The motion was seconded by Member Harris and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

7B. MEISI, INC., DBA RED 8 MASSAGE SPA

Application for approval of a Business License to allow the operation of a massage establishment

Mr. Eric Li-Kai translated into Mandarin for Mr. Sifeng Wu, owner of Meisi, Inc., Dba Red 8 Massage Spa. Mr. Wu confirmed his application for a business license to allow the operation of a massage establishment, located at 3580 Redondo Beach Boulevard in Torrance and confirmed that he had met with the Police Department and understood the rules and regulations pertaining to this type of business.

In response to questions from Member Chun, Mr. Wu confirmed that he and one employee would be at the business and confirmed that the door would remain unlocked during working hours. Mr. Wu stated that he had not made any changes to the facility and confirmed that any new employees he hired would be registered with the City.

There was no public comment.

Responding to questions from Assistant City Attorney Strader, Mr. Wu confirmed that: he was responsible for all activities that occurred at the business, whether he was present on site or not, including the activities of the employees, that he or any employees providing massages would need to be licensed by the California Massage Therapy Council, that he needed to maintain an up-to-date list of his employees with the Finance Department and inform the Finance Department if he hired any employees or let any employees go and that if he or any of his employees performed any illegal or illicit acts, in violation of California Penal Code, California Health and Safety Code or the Torrance Municipal Code or any other laws, he could be held responsible, he could have his business license suspended or revoked and if he or an employee violated the California Penal Code, the California Health and Safety Codes or the Torrance Municipal Code or any other laws, he could also be prosecuted in a criminal court of law.

<u>MOTION:</u> Member Chun moved to approve the operation of a massage establishment to Meisi, Inc., Dba Red 8 Massage Spa, located at 3580 Redondo Beach Boulevard in Torrance. The motion was seconded by Member Harris and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

8. <u>PUBLIC HEARINGS (IF APPLICABLE MUST BE PUBLISHED IN NEWSPAPER)</u> None.

9. BOARD ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

License Supervisor Bittner introduced Jillian Wade, as the new License Review Board member.

10. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

10A. MOTION: At 10:15 a.m., Member Chun moved to adjourn the meeting to Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the West Annex meeting room at 3031 Torrance Boulevard. The motion was seconded by Member Harris and a roll call vote reflected unanimous approval.

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LICENSE REVIEW BOARD MEETING MARCH 21, 2024

ITEM NO 7A - ANGEL'S MASSAGE

BACKGROUND

Jiao Xie owner of Angel's Massage has made an application for approval of a business license to allow the operation of a massage establishment. The business is located at 24209 Hawthorne Boulevard, Suite H, in Torrance.

ANALYSIS

Per Section 31.7.3 subsection 25) of the Torrance Municipal Code, applications for a massage establishment must have License Review Board approval before issuance of the license.

RECOMMENDATION

The License Division recommends approval of the business license.

Attachment A: Business License Application

Attachment B: Form 100E and Massage Therapist Certificate

Attachment C: Notarized Statement from Landlord

Attachment D: Police Dept Reports

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Attachment C

To Whom It May Concern:

I <u>Arun Bhumitra</u> acknowledge that Angel's Massage will be located in our property at 24207 Suite H, Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, CA 90505 starting January 1, 2024. Per the terms and conditions of the lease dated 12/13/23.

Arun Bhumitra
President
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23211 Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 300
Torrance, CA 90505
Tel:3109947400

Notary:

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Attachment D

Date: February 20, 2024



Torrance Police Department Intelligence Detail

License Review Interview Summary

Detective Lucas Ryono

To:

Suzanne Bittner License Supervisor

From:

Detective Lucas Ryono Intelligence Section

Subject:

"Angel's Massage" 24209 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503 (626) 822-8888

License Review Board Hearing - March 21, 2024

Licensees Interviewed:

Xie, Jiao (Owner)

Translator: Yu, Daniel (Mandarin)

On 20 FEB 24, I interviewed Ms. Jiao Xie regarding her application for a business license for "Angel's Massage," located at 24209 Hawthorne Blvd, Torrance, CA 90505. Ms. Xie was assisted in the interview by her Mandarin translator, Daniel Yu.

Ms. Xie will be opening a new business at the location. Angel's Massage will offer massage for walk-in clients and by appointment.

Ms. Xie will be managing the business and will have one masseuse working for her initially. I confirmed that Ms. Xie has completed her Livescan and she has no criminal history meeting dissemination criteria. This will be Ms. Xie's first time working in the massage industry.

An inspection of the establishment (specific to the concerns of law enforcement) was met as required by TMC Section 35.14.080 and 35.14.090.

Ms. Xie was advised of the laws regulating her occupation, and she was provided with a "Torrance Municipal Section Highlights" form, which detailed these laws and regulations. I completed a Massage Establishment Licensing Interview Questionnaire

with her which she signed indicating that she understood the laws regulating this occupation. Ms. Xie was advised to strictly adhere to record keeping, hours of operation, and proper storage of clean and used linens, as well as all the other rules and regulations that apply to the massage business.





Torrance Police Department

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Have you been in the acupuncture/massage business before?	No owner will
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How long?	~ //4
Do you own any other businesses?	
Location address?	

Record in Other Cities (If Applicable)

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	pany had problems/issues in any of these cities? What problems/issues? How blems/issues resolved?
Have you ev	er had your business license revoked or suspended? For what reason(s)?
	sponded to all open complaints (Better Business Bureau or Department of ffairs) in any other business you have owned? How were the complaints

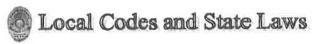
The Following Conditions (Specific to the Concerns of Law Enforcement) Have Been Met As Required By TMC Section 35.14.080 and 35.14.090:

- Minimum lighting shall be provided in accordance with the Uniform Building Code, and either natural light per CA Building Code (CBC) 1205.2 or artificial light per CBC 1205.3.
- A massage table will be used for all massage therapy with the exception of "Thai," "Shiatsu," and similar forms of therapy. Those may be provided on a padded mat on the floor provided the patron is fully attired in loose clothing or similar garment. Massage tables are required to be a minimum of 18 inches from the floor. Beds, floor mattresses and waterbeds are not permitted on the premises of the business or establishment (35.14.080 (d)).
- All exit doors will be kept unlocked during business hours.

- Closed cabinets shall be utilized for the storage of clean linen. All massage tables will be covered with a clean sheet or other clean covering for each patron. After use, each covering will be deposited in a closed receptacle and not used until properly sanitized in the immersion of water at least 140 degrees Fahrenheit for not less than 15 minutes. An adequate supply of clean linens will be maintained.
- The massage business must display the State Certificate (California Massage Therapy Council) of each massage therapist in a location so that it can be readily seen by persons entering the business.
- All massage rooms, toilet rooms, pools, showers, bathtubs, steam rooms saunas, Jacuzzis and all other physical facilities will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected as needed and at least once each business day the premises is open and in use.
- The patron's genitals, pubic area, anus, and female patron's breasts below a point immediately above the top of the areola must be fully draped at all times while any employee of the business or establishment is in the massage therapy room with the patron. No massage therapy will be provided to a patron that results in intentional contact, or occasional and repetitive contact, with the genitals, anus, or areola of a patron.
- An owner of a massage business shall be responsible for the conduct of all employees or independent contractors working on the premises of the business (Torrance Municipal Code (TMC) 35.14.120(a)).
- Each operator of a massage or acupressure establishment shall maintain a record of the date, time, name of customer, address of the customer, date of birth of the customer, type of service provided, and the licensed person supplying such service. The name, address and date of birth must be verified using legal identification prior to any service. Such records shall be open to inspection by health officials or police officers at all times, on the premises of the massage or acupressure establishment. Such records shall be kept for a minimum of not less than one year. The information contained in such records shall be used only for the purpose of enforcing this Article, as well as other applicable laws, and shall otherwise be confidential. It shall be unlawful for any person to disclose such information for any unauthorized purpose.

) X LR 35.14.050 T.M.C. Hours of Operation.

No massage business or establishment will provide massage therapy to the public for compensation between the hours of 9:00 P.M. and 8:00 A.M. of the following day. The massage business or establishment must close and all patrons must leave the massage business or establishment by 9:00 P.M.



Acupuncture Standards of Practice (State Requirements)

An acupuncturist is allowed to engage in the practice of acupuncture, electro acupuncture, perform or prescribe the use of oriental massage, acupressure, moxibustion, cupping, breathing techniques, exercise, heat, cold, magnets, nutrition, diet, herbs, plant, animal, and mineral products, and dietary supplements to promote, maintain, and restore health pursuant to Business & Professions Code Section 4937.

1399.450. Condition of Office.

 (a) Every acupuncture office shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times, and shall have a readily accessible bathroom facility in accordance with Title 24, Part 2, Building Standards Code Sections 494A.1 and 1994 Uniform Building Code Section 2902.3.

1399.451. Treatment Procedures.

In treating a patient, an acupuncturist shall adhere to the following procedures:

- (a) The acupuncturist's hands shall be brush-scrubbed with soap and warm water immediately before examining patients or handling acupuncture needles and other instruments, and between patients.
- 2. (b) All instruments shall be sterilized before and between uses in a manner which will destroy all microorganisms. All needle trays which contain sterile needles shall also be sterile. Each time instruments are sterilized, the acupuncturist shall use a tape or strip indicator which shows that sterilization is complete.
- 3. (c) Acupuncture points, where needles are to be inserted, shall be cleaned with an appropriate antiseptic before insertion of the needle.
- 4. (d) In the event an acupuncture needle inserted in a patient breaks subcutaneously, the treating acupuncturist shall immediately consult a physician. An acupuncturist shall not sever or penetrate the tissues in order to excise such a needle.
- (e) Any complication, including but not limited to, hematoma, peritonitis or pneumothorax arising out of acupuncture treatment shall be referred immediately to a physician or dentist or podiatrist, if appropriate, if immediate medical treatment is required..
- 6. (f) Acupuncture shall not be performed using hypodermic needles.
- 7. (g) All instruments to be discarded shall be disposed of safely.
- 8. (h) Needles shall be disposed of by placing them in a sealed, unbreakable container marked "Hazardous Waste" and disposed of in accordance with state and local law.

1399.453. Record keeping.

An acupuncturist shall keep complete and accurate records on each patient who is given acupuncture treatment, including but not limited to, treatments given and progress made as a result of the acupuncture treatments.

1399.454. Single Use Needles.

An acupuncturist shall use needles labeled for single use only that meet the requirements of federal regulations 21 CFR Part 880.5580 (61 FR 64617, December 6, 1996). It shall constitute unprofessional conduct for an acupuncturist to use a needle more than once.

1399.455. Advertising.

- (a) A licensed acupuncturist may advertise the provision of any acupuncture services authorized to be provided by such licensure in a manner authorized by Section 651 of the code so long as such advertising does not promote the excessive or unnecessary use of such services.
- (b) It is improper advertising as provided in Section 4955 of the code to disseminate any advertising which represents in any manner that the acupuncturist can cure any type of disease, condition or symptom.
- 3. (c) It is improper advertising as provided in Section 4955 of the code to disseminate any advertising of a practice, technique or procedure which is not within the scope of the practice of acupuncture as defined in Section 4927 and 4937 of the code and which is the unlawful practice of medicine.

1399.456. Use of the Title "Doctor."

It is unprofessional conduct for an acupuncturist to use the title "Doctor" or the abbreviation "Dr." in connection with the practice of acupuncture unless he or she possesses a license or certificate which authorizes such use or possesses an earned doctorate degree from an accredited, approved or authorized educational institution as set forth under Article 4 (commencing with section 94760) of Chapter 7 of Part 59 which is in acupuncture, Oriental medicine, a biological science, or is otherwise related to the authorized practice of an acupuncturist as set forth in Sections 4927 and 4937 of the Code.

The use of the title "Doctor" or the abbreviation "Dr." by an acupuncturist as authorized above without further indicating the type of license, certificate or degree which authorizes such use, constitutes unprofessional conduct.

Is the Licensee(s) aware of applicable local codes and state laws?	LK_		χ	
Has Licensee(s) received a copy of the "Massage Therapy Regulations?	"Liz)	Χ	
Does the Licensee(s) know how to contact the police department?	LR	.)	X	



Information Confirmation

I (We), as a licensee(s), fully understand all of the above information and will abide by all the rules and regulations that govern acupuncture/massage businesses. I confirm that all of the above listed information is correct.

Licensee(s)	+2/20 /2024 Date
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