

Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

Open Session Minutes

January 23, 2019

10:20 a.m. -12 Noon

Members Present

Paula K. Jilanis, LMT, Board Chair
Caitlin M. Thompson, LMT, Vice Chair
David A. Cox, LMT, Secretary/Treasurer
Gwenda Harrison, LMT, Board Member
Gloria Boddie-Epps, Consumer Member,
Margaret Hayes, Consumer Member
J. Paige Szymanski, LMT, Board Member

Non-Members Present

Laurie Sheffield-James, Executive Director
Adrienne Congo, MS, Acting Deputy Dir.
Grant Gerber, AAG
Marc Ware, Investigator III
Pamela Alston, Administrative Specialist
Lillian Reese, MDH, Board Staff
Tara McManaway, CSM
Christine Hooper, AMTA National
Kim Lang, MDH, Board Staff
Sabrina Lopez, AMTA
Christopher Herbst, Pearson VUE
Robin Anderson, CCBC
Lynn Brummitt, AACC
Austin Rees

Call to Order at 10:20 a.m. & Opening Remarks by Board Chair

The regularly scheduled Open Session meeting of the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners was held at the Metro Executive Building, Conference Room 110 on January 23, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 10:20 a.m. by *Paula K. Jilanis, LMT and Board Chair.*

Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present.

Board Members / Staff / Audience

Board Members and staff were introduced, followed by introductions from the audience.

Review/Approval of Open Session Agenda

The agenda was approved- *Moved by David Cox; 2nd by Caitlin Thompson. The motion carried.*

Review/Approval of Open Session Minutes- for December 19, 2018

The Board's Open Session meeting minutes for **December 19, 2018** were approved. *Moved by David Cox; 2nd by Gloria Boddie-Epps. The motion carried.*

Introduction to Pearson Vue – Q & A Presentation by Christopher Hearst, Business Development Manager- Christopher Hearst gave a brief overview of the testing entity Pearson Vue (PV) as a prospective testing avenue for licensees. In 2018 PV administered over 85,000 exams to various professions such as teachers, nurses, firefighters, social workers and pharmacists to name a few. Pearson Vue has 39 3rd Party Authorized testing sites (who control their own hours) including school sites as well as 4 owned and operate test centers. Pearson Vue provides testing development, convenience and location accessibility for test takers.

Christopher Hearst described the test taking process in detail: Candidate will select their testing center and time. Approved test candidates are sent to Pearson Vue once they receive an electronic authorization directing the candidate to the testing site. Candidates are required to provide their identification and digital signature; a photo is taken of each person taking the exam - their photo is later attached to the individuals test. Security measures were described in detail - Full/Real time audio/video surveillance, optimal for distraction – free testing; cellular phones, “Apple” watch phones, “GOOGLE” electronic glasses and other electronic devices are collected prior to entering the exam site. (The “pat down” process is in effect upon entering the test site). Test takers will receive a secure email link to retrieve their test results. Board administration can receive generated reports to view stats and results of the candidate’s individual tests.

Pearson VUE also offers test performance checking to ensure test accuracy. Psychometricians are employed to evaluate and interpret answers and review questions on tests to ensure optimal performance; Pearson VUE offers an item bank management tool to manage “test bank” (various test questions which are in randomized order) as well as a content development team to create tests. Direct line of site test proctors are onsite. Content creators ensure that tests are worded in an objective and unbiased manner. Also, Pearson Vue is ADA accessible, compliant with a work stations for the disabled. Candidate test results are calculated and received within 24 hours.

Board Chair Report (s)

Medicaid and Massage Therapy – Paula Jilanis has been in contact with the AMTA concerning regards to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the AMTA Press Release discussed in December’s General Board Meeting. The **Advantage Plans** (such as AmeriGroup) pays out \$55 dollars per hour. However, Medicare does not pay massage therapy services. The provider must submit an application which includes the regulation of their scope of practice and their National Provider Identification Number (NPI). *Paula Jilanis* states that more information will be forthcoming. This subject matter is currently being reviewed with AMTA and The State of Maryland.

Executive Director’s Report – Laurie Sheffield-James

HB13- Criminal Procedure – Partial Expungement- This HB deals with the court’s role in expunging a criminal record. Of importance is that if a conviction is expunged, the conviction will not be made known to the Boards. If there is a crime with multiple charges, one of those charges may be expunged.

HB16- Criminal Procedure – Partial Expungement – This HB pertains to two or more criminal charges. If one charge isn’t eligible for expungement, a person may file a petition of expungement for other charges that are eligible for expungement. The offense that has been expunged will not be maintained by the Maryland Judiciary and the central repository or public website.

HB19 - Criminal Procedure - Expungement - Non Violent Convictions - The bill states that it is within the discretion of the Courts to determine whether a person who has filed a petition of expungement based on the conviction of a non-violent crime can have that conviction be expunged. *Grant Gerber* stated that we will want to be apprised of the details regarding a possible expungement of a potential licensee. The (non-violent) crime has to be 3 years or older before it can be expunged.

David Cox motions that the Massage Board hold the "**No Position**" on the following House Bills: HB 13, 16, & 19; 2nd by *Gwenda Harrison*. The motion carried.

HB22 - Occupation License or Certificates - Application Determinations - Use of Criminal History -

Occupational Licenses or Certificates - Application Determinations - Use of Criminal History
Bill's Purpose: For the purpose of prohibiting certain departments that issue occupational licenses or certificates from denying an application for a license or certificate based on an applicant's criminal history. Applicants who have been convicted for a violent criminal act are not automatically barred from getting a license. This bill allows people with a criminal record to get a license after seven years from the offense.

If the Board denied a license based on a criminal conviction, the Board would need to prove how the offense would affect the duties of the licensee as many licensees take care of vulnerable populations. *Gwenda Harrison* stated that the main criminal acts that the Board would primarily be concerned with are sexual assault and prostitution. Therefore we would and should have the ability to deny a potential licensee based on these crimes. *Grant Gerber* stated there are specificities that would allow sexual assault and prostitution to constitute as a denial (according to Massage Board ethics code).

Status - Initiative for the Rap Back - *Paula Jilanis* stated that the MDH will not submit departmental legislation this year; and so the board will need to find a sponsor for the rap back initiative. AMTA is working on this initiative on a national level.

Board Counsel - Grant Gerber, AAG- Currently, we are in the midst of the Legislative Session which ends in April. *Grant Gerber* stated that the Board may take one of the following positions on each bill: [1] Support, [2] Support with Amendments, [3] Oppose, or [4] Letter of support or opposition or [5] the Voard may take no position on a bill. If the Board votes to support or oppose a bill, a board member must testify on the bill during the legislative hearings.

Board Legislative Session is from January 9 - April 8th.

Post Audits (*Adrienne Congo, Deputy Director*) Post Audits will go out to licensees. On February 1st - Licenses may submit information via email, mail, scan or fax.

EEP (emergency exit procedure) for Metro Executive Building (*Adrienne Congo, Deputy Director*) *Adrienne Congo* - Updated December 2018. Hardcopies will be made available to Board members.

Adrienne Congo will be on leave for the Month of February

CE Continuing Education Free Courses- "Diversity and Cultural Awareness" Posted on Board Website (on right side with flashing red arrow)

New Updated Regulations as of December 31, 2018 / JP Exam Study Guide (COMAR

Committee Reports - None

Old Business- None

Petition(s) Applicant - Non-Accredited School - Tabled until February 27, 2019 Meeting

Ratification of New Licensees & Registrants - Congratulations!

Motion to approve by Caitlin Thompson; 2nd by David Cox; all in favor; The motion carried.

License No.	Name (s)	Original License Date
M05999	YOUNG, ALLISON E.	12/11/2018
M06000	HARDINGER, HOMER	12/11/2018
M06001	TUCKER, KIRSTEN J.	05/18/2012 COS
M06002	ALPEROVICH, EUGENIA	12/12/2018
M06003	EASLEY, TAWANDA	12/13/2018
M06004	McFARLAND, MARA E.	12/20/2018
M06005	KELLY, VIVIAN L.	12/20/2018
M06006	MAIHI, TUTERANGI	12/20/2018
M06007	PADHIAR, SEJAL	12/28/2018
M06008	RUGGS, BIANCA S.	12/28/2018
M06009	LONG, SHAMARA D.	12/28/2018
END		
REGISTERED	NAME (S)	ORIGINAL REGISTRATION DATE
R02985	BURNETT-McCRAY, RASHAD	12/04/2018
R02986	McADORY 3 RD , JOHN L.	12/07/2018
R02987	SCOTT-REED, LINDA	12/11/2018
R02988	STAPLES, KAMONROT	12/11/2018
R02989	HARRIS, EUGENIA	12/11/2018
R02990	THOMPSON, LUKE	12/12/2018
R02991	LANE, KENYA	12/13/2018
R02992	WONG, YOHAH	12/13/2018
R02993	SANTIAGO, DAHLIA	12/13/2018
R02994	WORKENEH, TAIYTU	12/19/2018
R02995	LIU, MANZHU	12/19/2018
R02996	SMITH, LATOYA	12/19/2018
R02997	BRYANT, DEIDRA	12/19/2018
R02998	LONG, AKEEM	12/19/2018
R02999	ORSKI, REBECCA	12/19/2018
R03000	JOSLIN-BLOCKER, LISA	12/19/2018
R03001	NIU, GUOQUANG	12/20/2018
R03002	VINSON, TIA SHERNA	12/28/2018

R03004	MERRICK, BRYSON	12/28/2018
R03005	HARRIS, JOSEITTA	12/28/2018
R03006	THANKI, MIRA	12/28/2018
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Current Licensure Statistics

Active & Inactive Licensees

Registrants

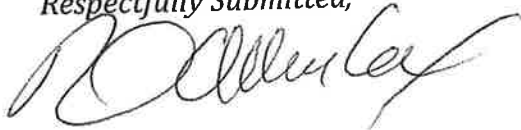
Licensed Massage Therapist	Active	2375
Licensed Massage Therapist	Inactive	246
Registered Massage Practitioner	Active	1372
Registered Massage Practitioner	Inactive	93

Miscellaneous – 43rd Annual Federation of Regulatory Boards (FARB) – January 24 – 27 –
 Attending Representative – Paula Jilanis, Chair

Next Meeting – February 27, 2019 10:00 A.M., Room 110

Meeting Adjourned & Closed for proceeding Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted,



*David A. Cox,
 Secretary/Treasurer*

Board Working Lunch