



## MARYLAND State Board of Massage

### Therapy Examiners

METRO EXECUTIVE BUILDING  
4201 PATTERSON AVENUE • SUITE 301  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

January 22, 2020, 10:36 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

#### 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  
Diane Jones Richards, Consumer Member  
Margaret Hayes, Consumer Member  
Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT, Board Member

#### Non-Members Present

Sharon J. Oliver, MBA, Executive Director  
Adrienne Congo, MS, Deputy Director  
Rhonda Edwards, AAG, Board Counsel  
Marc Ware, Investigator III  
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist  
Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator  
Tuterangi Maihi, LMT  
Amelia Mitchell, AMTA

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#### **Call to Order at 10:00 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 22, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 10:36 a.m. by Paula Jilanis, LMT and Board Chair. Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present.

**Review/Approval of the Open Session Agenda with additions/amendments** – Gwenda Harrison motioned to accept the agenda; 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Cox; The motion passed. Board Vote 7/0/0.

**Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for December 18, 2019** – David Cox motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Margaret Hayes. The motion passed. Board Vote 7/0/0.

#### **Board Chair Reports –**

**Strategic Planning Steps** –Board Members should plan to keep their schedules open for a meeting on July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### **Meeting with the Secretary- Maryland Department of Health -Legislations**

Unless it is directly related to education, many current Bills will probably not pass through the legislation process. The Board is to prepare Bills submission once the “Legislative Freeze” has been lifted.

**County Council For Montgomery County, MD** – Bill No. 1-20 [Rev. 1-7-20]/ Draft No. 8] –



The first hearing for Bill No. 1-20 will take place on February 4, 2020. Paula Jilanis and David Cox plan to attend the hearing.

**Board Counsel** – Rhonda Edwards, AAG, Board Counsel  
Nothing to report

**Executive Director’s Report –**

**Reminder – Check Emails daily during Legislative Session**– Ms. Oliver stressed the importance of frequently checking emails during the Legislative Session due to time sensitive matters requiring prompt email responses.

**SB067 PIA Response Time Reduction** – The Massage Board opposes Senate Bill 067.

**SB103 – Diagnostic Evaluation and Treatment of Patients- Disciplinary Actions** - This Bill (devised and based on a Lyme Disease Case) protects Alternative Healthcare or Holistic Healthcare Providers from discipline and liability in the event of misdiagnosis. Massage Therapists are not permitted to assign diagnostic codes. The Board took no position in this bill.

**2019 Financial Disclosure Filing due by April 30, 2019** – Reminder emails have been sent out to all Board Members to complete their Financial Ethics Disclosure prior to the Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**Committee Reports**

**Advisory Committee –**

**Establishment Bill** - Amelia Mitchell of AMTA discussed receiving advice from Delegate Ken Carr and Cherry Kagan, both lobbyists who encouraged her to take a small step approach with regards to the work on the Establishment Bill. Currently there is a Bill in the works for Massage Therapy businesses owned by proprietors who are not Licensed Massage Therapists and/or Registered Massage Practitioners.

**Rap Back** - The effort on the Rap Back program is moving forward.

**Massage Regulations** -The Advisory Committee is working on revisions to the current Massage Regulations. The revisions will be presented during the February Board meeting for a vote.

**Inquiry CEU – Scope of Practice – Myofascial Release I -John F. Barnes** – This course is approved since it falls under the category of a Board-approved provider, NCBTMB.



**Ratification of Board Issued Licensees and Registrations  
LMT's & RMP's December 2019**

**New LMT's**

<b>License Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Original License Date</b>
M06133	OLDS, PATRICIA ANN	12/05/2019
M06134	JACKSON, KATHLEEN M.	12/17/2019
M06135	KURTZ, BRANDY NICOLE	12/19/2019
M06136	DIPASUPIL, JENNIFER A.	12/23/2019
M06137	LUNDY, CYNTHIA L.	12/23/2019
M06138	SISK, CARRIE A.	12/27/2019
M06141	ARCHAMNEAU, DAMIEN A	12/27/2019

**New RMP's**

<b>License Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Original License Date</b>
R03206	COIMIN, MYRIAM	12/03/2019
R03207	SIERRA, III, ANTHONY M.	12/03/2019
R03208	COSBY, LETITIA R.	12/03/2019
R03209	FLETCHER, HYDIA L.	12/03/2019
R03210	CONAGHY, MANDY K.	12/05/2019
R03211	LUZON, ROMER C.	12/05/2019
R03212	COUPLAND, SHARON J.	12/05/2019
R03213	DILLON, PAIGE	12/05/2019
R03214	PARR, AARON A.	12/10/2019
R03215	THOMPSON, JONAE' RAE	12/10/2019
R03216	DAVIS, DOMINIQUE S.	12/10/2019
R03217	BISHOP, MEGAN D.	12/16/2019
R03218	BOLY, MALICK B.	12/17/2019

**Ratification of Board Issued Licenses and Registrations** – David Cox moved to combine all LMT's & RMP's as a group and ratify as new licensees; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gwenda Harrison; The motion passed. Board Vote 7/0/0. *Welcome to the State of Maryland!*



**Current Licensure Statistics**

**Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants**

<b>Licensed Massage Therapists</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>2512</b>
<b>Licensed Massage Therapists</b>	<b>Inactive</b>	<b>237</b>
<b>Registered Massage Practitioners</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>1580</b>
<b>Registered Massage Practitioners</b>	<b>Inactive</b>	<b>85</b>

**Miscellaneous-**

**Next Meeting – February 26, 2020 10:00 A.M., Room 110**

**Meeting Adjourned to proceed to the Administrative Session – Motion to adjourn Open Session Meeting at 11:30 a.m. by David Cox; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kirsten Bodnarchuk. The motion carried. Board Vote 7/0/0.**

Respectfully Submitted,

David A. Cox, LMT  
Secretary/Treasurer