



**MARYLAND State Board of Massage
Therapy Examiners**
OPEN SESSION AGENDA (PAGE 1 OF 2)
Wednesday, February 27, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

BOMTE MISSION: "The Mission of the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners is to regulate the practice of massage therapy to ensure standards of competency, protect public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Maryland."

Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

Open Session Minutes

February 27, 2019

10:19 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
Grant Gerber, AAG
Marc Ware, Investigator III
Pamela Alston, Administrative Specialist
Emily Jones, Licensing Coordinator
Lillian Reese, MDH, Board Staff
Robin Anderson, CCBC
Kim Lang, MDH, Board Staff
Amelia Mitchell, AMTA
Sabrina Lopez, AMTA
Austin Rees

Call to Order at 10:19 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 February 27, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 10:19 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 as amended- *Moved by Gwenda Harrison; 2nd by David Cox. All in favor; The motion carried.*

Review/Approval of Open Session Minutes- for January 23, 2019

The Board's Open Session meeting minutes for **January 23, 2019** were approved. *Moved by David Cox; 2nd by Gloria Boddie-Epps. All in favor; The motion carried.*

Action Item - Pearson Vue –*Paula Jilanis* reported that the review of this testing option is still in progress. We are still going through the appropriate procurement channels; updates soon.

Matters for Reporting - Paula K. Jilanis, LMT, Board Chair

FARB Summary – Paula Jilanis attended the FARB Conference in New Orleans, LA on January 24-28, 2019. The FARB Conference was informative and educational. The Conference material was pertinent for all professions.

AMTA Summit - Paula Jilanis attended the AMTA Summit in Charlotte, NC on February 20-22, 2019. Great information and many informative breakout sessions including Interdisciplinary Competency taught by CCBC's Robin Anderson. *Paula Jilanis* reported that 95% of massage practitioners believe the profession should be regarded as part of healthcare. Every level of care is palliative; there were many great interactions with other federations and State Boards at the Summit. Other presentations included "How to Improve on Marketing", "Opioid Crisis" (the opportunity to help in this area is proving the efficacy of massage therapy) Physicians are ready to accept massage as a form of health therapy. *Gwenda Harrison* stated there is research that supports the need for this. From a State level, there needs to be greater public awareness; we should be able to present ourselves laterally. Research should be nationally marketed. *Robin Anderson* of CCBC stated that there will be a National AMTA Conference in May 2019 in Virginia. Also, there was a discussion on Massage Therapists Salaries which is approximately \$25,000 (national average).

Board Counsel – *Grant Gerber, AAG*- Nothing to Report

Executive Director's Report – *Laurie Sheffield* – James

Rap Back Bill- Once an applicant has submitted their fingerprints and if a criminal act has been committed 5 years later, we have the ability to track their criminal background- it will come back to the Board. *Paula Jilanis* gave a special "Thank you" to AMTA for submitting the Rap Back Bill.

HB1354 – License and Criminal History Records Check

SB974 – Occupational Licenses or Certificates – Application Determinations – Use of Criminal History- Hearing for SB974 is scheduled for March 14, 2019. Per *Laurie Sheffield* – James opinion, this Bill presents several problems as it doesn't hold any conviction against the applicant after 5 years. It will be hard to deny an applicant if there is a criminal act committed after begin licensed & there is no clear definition of what constitutes a non-violent act, & lastly, someone can petition a licensing authority and dig up prior charges/conviction preventing a person from becoming licensed.

Grant Gerber opined that the language in this Bill is vague. *Laurie Sheffield-James* believes that the Massage Board should take the "Oppose Stance" against SB974. *David Cox* also states that this Bill is unfair as it does not give potential licensees the opportunity to redeem

themselves after previous non-violent offenses. *Motion by J. Paige Szymanski to join letter of opposition with other Boards against SB974; 2nd by David Cox. J. Paige Szymanski will testify (if necessary) with letter of reasons for support. All in favor; motion carried.*

FSMTB – Executive Summit – April 18-19, 2019 – Many Executive Directors will attend. Laurie Sheffield – James also encourages staff to attend.

Committee Reports –

Advisory Committee – Caitlin M. Thompson, LMT, Vice Chair

- a) SB554 – State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners – Massage Therapists- Authority to Regulate – Gwenda Harrison & Sabrina Lopez of AMTA spoke in Annapolis on Tuesday, February 26th. SB554 Expands uniformity of Massage Laws. No opposition therefore, SB554 is expected to pass.
- b) HB1252 – Child Abuse and Neglect

Ratification of New Licensees & Registrants – January 2019 LMT's & RMP's - Congratulations!

Motion to approve by David Cox; 2nd by Gwenda Harrison; All in favor; The motion carried.

LicNum	Name	OrigLicDate
M06010	Dove,Jr. Donald R.	01/05/19
M06011	Akintilo, Oluwatoyin A.	10/09/15 COS
M06012	Blakenbaker, Jennifer-Kay D.	01/08/19
M06013	Spain, Michelle L.	01/08/18 COS
M06014	Johnson, Janelle L.	01/11/19
M06015	Smith, Essence A.	07/16/13 COS
M06016	Peace Battle, Zuri D.	01/17/19
M06017	Dove, Hailey J.	01/23/19

LicNum	Name	OrigLicDate
R03012	Royer, Kayla R.	01/02/19
R03013	Yim, Christina	01/07/19
R03014	Coughlin, Eden, R.	01/07/19
R03015	Helton, Talia, M.	01/08/19
R03016	Hutchinson, Wynter D.	01/08/19
R03017	Wilcoxon, Corrinne A.	01/08/19
R03018	Harrington, James R.	01/08/19
R03019	Lowe, Shakara L.	01/08/19
R03020	Molina, Moneeka M.	01/09/19
R03021	Overton, Tavia D.	01/11/19
R03022	Warrior, Julia A.	01/11/19

R03023	Jonker, Nichole S.	01/17/19
R03024	Sreb, Linda F.	01/17/19
R03025	Yuille, Christopher I.	01/24/19
R03026	Harry, Stephanie D.	01/24/19
R03027	Farner, Laura L.	01/28/19

Meeting Finalization

Current Licensure Statistics

Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants

Licensed Massage Therapists	Active	2380
Licensed Massage Therapists	Inactive	246
Registered Massage Practitioners	Active	1382
Registered Massage Practitioners	Inactive	92

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

Meeting Adjourned & Closed for proceeding Executive Session at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



*David A. Cox,
Secretary/Treasurer*

Board Working Lunch