



MARYLAND State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

February 26, 2020, 10:11 a.m. – 12:32 p.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
Amelia Mitchell, AMTA
Sabrina Lopez, President AMTA

Call to Order at 10:11 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 26, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 10:11 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 with additions; 2nd by Caitlin Thompson; The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for January 22, 2020 – David Cox motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes; 2nd by Kirsten Bodnarchuk. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Board Chair Reports

FARB Conference (January 23-27, 2020, in Colorado Springs, CO) – Paula Jilanis and Sharon Oliver attended the FARB conference. Topics discussed included: Moral Turpitude, Moral Character, Model Practice Act as it compares to current Laws & Regulations, Sanctioning Guidelines, Reporting Convictions in a timely fashion, Definition of License Lapse, and Consistency of Implementation of Policy & Procedures.

AMTA Schools Summit (February 12-15, 2020, in Los Angeles, CA) – Paula Jilanis and Sharon Oliver attended the AMTA Summit. Topics at the AMTA Summit workshops: Debunking



the myth of learning styles, Teaching Pain Management in all Environments, Advanced Skills for Teaching Adult Learners, How to Attract Learners using Social Media, Business Strategies, Niche Marketing & The Science of Self-Care. The State of California currently doesn't require students to take the MBLEx (there is a temporary moratorium in effect). Paula Jilanis would for like the Board to consider having an information table at the AMTA Summit in 2021.

Bylaws –Motion by David Cox to begin a discussion to open the Bylaws for review; 2nd by Diane Jones-Richards. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Bylaws Discussion: After the discussion, Gwenda Harrison motioned to open the Bylaws to review Strategic Planning and Inclusion, clarification of the legal interpretation of the Board Chair's role to withhold information, and a clear, step-by-step process description for the hiring and firing of the Executive Director. There was no 2nd The motion failed.

Strategic Planning – The Board is scheduled to meet on Thursday, July 23, 2020 to work on a revision of the Strategic Plan. Meeting location and time will be determined by the next Board meeting.

Montgomery County, Maryland Bill – The Board does not support the proposed Montgomery County Bill. On February 25th, Paula Jilanis and Amelia Mitchell, AMTA, attended a hearing sponsored by the Health and Human Services Committee.

General Counsel

Moral Turpitude - Grant Gerber suggested incorporating Health Occupation 608 with regards to Moral Turpitude into our Statues. Board Counsel and the Advisory Committee are tasked with reviewing the statute.

Board Oversight – The Massage Board is statutorily independent with respect to decision making regarding discipline. Actions of the Board may be reviewed by the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH). Oversight and Antitrust protection are available to all Board Members.

Executive Director's Report

The list of 2020 Greenbag Appointees delivered to the Maryland State Senate on February 14, 2020 –The list is available to the public at:

<https://governor.maryland.gov/2019/02/15/governor-larry-hogan-submits-124-green-bag-appointments>

Reminder – Check emails daily during Legislative Session – Board members were reminded to review emails daily.

SB0067 (HB0042 Cross): Public Information Act – Applications for Inspection –Responses and Time limits.– Many Boards, including Massage are in opposition to this Bill.



SB0297 (HB483 Cross): Administrative Procedure Act – Dispositions and Summary Suspensions – The Massage Board has opposed this Bill.

HB0751: State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners – License and Registration – Criminal History Records Checks. Vice Chair Caitlin Thompson testified on The Rap Back Bill on behalf of the Massage Board.

HB1616: Uniform Record-Keeping Requirements – Lillian Reese, Legislative Liaison, will inform the Board when the hearing on this Bill is scheduled. David Cox motioned to oppose HB1616; 2nd by Margaret Hayes. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

HB639: This Bill refers to Cultural Competency Coursework & Training. The Massage Board does not support this Bill.

CEU's-CPR Requirement for LMT vs. RMP – An inquiry was received requesting clarification on the CPR requirements for LMTs & RMP's. LMTs are required to be certified at the Healthcare Provider Level. RMPs are required to be certified at the basic level.

2019 Financial Disclosure Filing Due by April 30, 2020 – Board members were reminded of the filing deadline.

Security Concerns-Installing Security Doors – Reports of security issues affecting the Metro Center Building. There are plans to install security doors in strategic places throughout the 3rd floor.

Committee Reports

Advisory Committee –The Advisory Committee is reviewing CPR certification language in current regulations. The Board approved the committee's recommended changes to regulations, including grammatical/spelling changes submitted by Gwenda Harrison. The CPR regulations language remains unchanged. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Licensing Committee – David Cox briefed the Board on a draft list of approved modalities/CE Courses and accepted college courses for Basic and Applied Science. Board Members are to review the list for discussion at a later time.

CEU Requests for Approval:

- "Exercise Therapy" provided by International Sports Sciences Association (20 CEU Hours) .The Licensing Committee recommended to deny this request since this CEU does not fall under the Massage Board Regulation scope of practice.
- "Marijuana & Cannabinoids: What Health Professionals Need to Know" provided by the Institute for Natural Resources (6 CEU Hours). The Licensing Committee recommended approving this course since it falls under the Massage Board's Regulation scope of practice.



Motion to accept the Licensing Committee’s recommendations regarding the [2] CEU requests by Caitlin Thompson; 2nd by Kirsten Bodnarchuk. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Disciplinary Committee – Nothing to report

Deputy Executive Director’s Report

Scope of Practice Compliance Question – Body Wrapping –Adrienne Congo received an email inquiry from a Massage Therapist regarding Body Wrapping and Massage. Adrienne Congo reached out to the Cosmetology Board for a written response. To date no response has been received.

Matters for Notation - Unfinished Business

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; 2nd by Caitlin Thompson; The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0. *Welcome to the State of Maryland!*

New LMT’s

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06139	TERELL, SPENCER RENEE	01/10/2020
M06140	MAST, BRIAN J.	01/10/2020

New RMP’s

License Number	Name	Original License Date
R03219	ALVARADO SANTANA, CRISTINA	01/02/2020
R03220	HOWELL, DONNA M.	01/02/2020
R03221	PARKER, CHARLES	01/06/2020
R03222	PAUGH, ELIZABETH A.	01/06/2020
R03223	JONES, INDIA P.	01/06/2020
R03224	PARKER, CANDICE C.	01/13/2020
R03225	HARMON, RIANA L.A.	01/13/2020



Current Licensure Statistics

Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants

Licensed Massage Therapists	Active	2523
Licensed Massage Therapists	Inactive	237
Registered Massage Practitioners	Active	1594
Registered Massage Practitioners	Inactive	83

Miscellaneous:

Request- Attach meeting handouts to Open Session Minutes on Website - Grant Gerber advised that the Board is compliance with the Open Meetings Act by posting the Open Session Minutes on the website. Unless the Board receives a specific written request, there are no requirements to post copies of handouts that are given to the Board Members during the meeting. Members of the public received the agenda, but rarely are given copies of any handouts.

FSMTB Call for Volunteers –The FSMTB Board of Directors has submitted a request for Volunteers to serve on the Code of Ethics Task Force or the Consumer Bill of Rights Task Force.

Maryland Labor Trafficking Symposium sponsored by the University of Maryland - Gwenda Harrison attended the Maryland Labor Trafficking Symposium sponsored by the University of Maryland (UMD) Safe Center for Human Trafficking Survivors & Prince George’s County Human Trafficking Task Force on Wednesday, January 29, 2020. The Key Note Speaker was Attorney General Brian Frosh. The Symposium focused primarily on Labor Trafficking with regards to abuse of disabled workers and foreign worker servitude.

Next Meeting – March 25, 2020 10:00 A.M., Room 110

Meeting Adjourned & Closed for Proceeding Executive Session – Motion to adjourn Open Session Meeting at 12:32 p.m. by Margaret Hayes; 2nd by Caitlin Thompson. The motion carried. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Cox by ssv

David A. Cox, LMT
Secretary/Treasurer