



State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

Open SESSION MINUTES

Teleconference Call

February 24, 2021, 10:02 a.m. – 12:17 p.m.

Members Present

Caitlin M. Thompson, LMT, Board Chair
Paula K. Jilanis, LMT, Vice Chair
Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT, Secretary/Treasurer
David Cox, LMT, Board Member
Diane Jones Richards, Consumer Member
Margaret Hayes, Consumer Member
Eric Newdom, LMT, Board Member

Non-Members Present

Sharon J. Oliver, MBA, Executive Director
Christopher Hawkins, Licensing Unit Manager
Grant Gerber, AAG, Board Counsel
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist
Marc Ware, Senior Investigator
T. Nicole Cullings, Board Investigator
Kimberly Link, MDH Boards Liaison
Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator

*Please see attached list of call in participants

Call to Order at 10:02 a.m. by Board Chair

The regularly scheduled Open Session meeting of the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners was held via teleconference call on February 24, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Board Chair Caitlin M. Thompson, LMT. Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present.

Review/Approval of the Amended Open Session Agenda - Kirsten Bodnarchuk motioned to accept the agenda as amended; 2nd by Paula Jilanis. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for January 27, 2021 – Margaret Hayes motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes; 2nd by Kirsten Bodnarchuk. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

OLD BUSINESS - MATTERS FOR REPORTING

BOARD CHAIR REPORTS - NOTHING TO REPORT

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES (*Sharon Oliver, Lillian Reese & Amelia Mitchell*)

2021 Legislative Bills of Interest:

- **HB731 Telehealth Services - Expansion (The recommendation is No Position).**



- **HB732/SB 568 Health Care Practitioners-Telehealth-Out-of-State Health Care Practitioners - (The recommendation is No Position).**
- **HB1006 Service Members, Veterans, Military Spouses-Temporary Licensure, Certification and Registration- (The recommendation is No Position).** Board Discussion. Motion to have Letter of Information sent regarding HB1006 to House Representatives by David Cox; 2nd by Paula Jilanis. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

David Marks, Chief of Training Services Division, Presentation-Online Jurisprudence (JP) Platform - David Marks discussed online formats, procedures and structure for applicants to take the JP Exam via the MDH HUB portal. Motion to accept and use HUB portal to offer the JP Examination for Maryland Board of Massage Therapy Examiners by Paula Jilanis; 2nd by Kirsten Bodnarchuk. Board Discussion. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0. Caitlin Thompson thanked Sharon Oliver and David Marks.

Lorena Haynes, FSMTB, the Massage Therapy Licensing Database (MTLD) - Lorena Haynes gave an informative presentation on the FSMTB's Massage Therapy Licensing Database. MTLTD is a customized, comprehensive portability database to access information regarding licensees. Grant Gerber will review the legal implications and follow up.

2021 Legislative Bills of Interest (cont'd):

- **SB745/HB 1039 Massage Therapy - Revisions (The Board is in Support)** - Amelia Mitchell reported that this Bill is being sponsored by Delegate Ariana Kelly and AMTA **(The recommendation is to Support this bill).**
 - **SB745 Hearing on 3/2 at 1:00 p.m.; Caitlin Thompson to testify**
 - **HB 1039 Hearing on 3/11 at 1:30 p.m.; Paula Jilanis to testify**
- **HB1041 Health Occupations Boards - Uniform Reporting (The Board voted No Position)** - This Bill states that the Board can collect information at initial licensure or renewal.
- **HB 1616 Uniform Record-Keeping Requirements (The Board voted No Position)** Requirement for MDH & MHCC to present information for data analysis; Fiscal impact on Boards if passed.

BOARD COUNSEL – NOTHING TO REPORT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Informational Eblast on SB745/HB1039 - Previously Discussed.



LICENSING UNIT MANAGER’S REPORT - Christopher Hawkins, Sr.

Christopher Hawkins thanked the Board & Staff for their warm welcome. He presented updates on the renewals as noted below.

Renewals Updates as of 02/17/2021

Category	Total	%
All	3,052 of 4,136	73.79
LMT	1,955 of 2,480	78.83
RMP	1,097 of 1,656	66.24

Total Revenue - \$758,252.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee - Paula Jilanis

The Advisory Committee plans to meet within the next few weeks.

Licensing Committee (LRC) – Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT

RMP to LMT Conversion Recommendations- Kirsten Bodnarchuk presented several options for the conversion process:

- a) Applicant must have been an active Registered Massage Practitioner for a minimum 10 years to be legacied to LMT status
- b) Applicant certifies they have accumulated 1000 hours of hands on experience over the previous 2 years between work hours and continuing education hours
- c) Applicant presents a total of 750 Hours (Program hours + CE Hours)

Additional Consideration Regarding Out of State Applicants- Applicants may use the same options above as a path to licensure. The conversion process will be referred to the Advisory Committee for drafting statute. The Board accepted all of the above recommendations presented by the LRC Committee.

Navigation Book Committee - Paula Jilanis

The Navigation Book Committee met last week to work on the contents of the Navigation Handbook, *i.e. Policies, Procedures, Bylaws, All about the Board, etc.* Updates are scheduled for June.

NEW BUSINESS- MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

BOARD CHAIR REPORTS- CAITLIN THOMPSON



2021 Green Bag Appointees - Caitlin Thompson announced the Green Bag Appointees: Margaret Hayes, Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT and Stephen Conti, LMT. Congratulations to Margaret Hayes and Kirsten Bodnarchuk!

BOARD COUNSEL – NOTHING TO REPORT

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT(S) –SHARON OLIVER

2020 Financial Disclosure Filings due April 30, 2021 – Sharon Oliver reminded Board Members to complete their financial disclosures as quickly as possible. Not doing so may affect reappointment to the Board.

Hair Academy- Discontinued Massage Therapy Program in July 2020 -The Hair Academy Massage Therapy training program has been discontinued. However, the Board was not notified of the closing. An official letter of program closing will be forwarded to the Board.

Approvals of Board Member Training via Council on Licensure, Enforcement & Regulation (CLEAR) - Sharon Oliver & Marc Ware have completed CLEAR Class trainings. Motion to approve payment of \$290 for 5 Clear Classes for Board Members by David Cox; 2nd by Kirsten Bodnarchuk. Motion Failed. **Amended** Motion by David Cox to approve payment for up to 2 packages for CLEAR classes. 2nd by Kirsten Bodnarchuk. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Staff Training Courses Offered Through HUB: Stress Management, Embracing the 3 E’s of Employee Empowerment & Customer Service - Sharon Oliver announced Board Staff will be participating in invaluable training for development and wellbeing. All courses are being offered online through the HUB.

Ad-Hoc JP Exam Committee – In preparation for creation the online JP Exam, Paula Jilanis (Chair), Margaret Hayes and Eric Newdom volunteered to serve on the ad-hoc committee Sharon Oliver thanked the volunteers for their assistance.

LICENSING UNIT MANAGER’S REPORT - Christopher Hawkins, Sr.

Current Licensure Statistics

Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants as of 02/17/2021

Category	Status	Dec	Jan
License Massage Therapist	Active	2468	2480
License Massage Therapist	Inactive	343	342
Registered Massage Practitioner	Active	1643	1656
Registered Massage Practitioner	Inactive	125	124



COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADVISORY COMMITTEE- NOTHING TO REPORT

LICENSING COMMITTEE- NOTHING TO REPORT

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE CASES- NOTHING TO REPORT

MATTERS FOR NOTATION

ACTIONS FROM JANUARY 27, 2021 CLOSED SESSION- The Board did not conduct a closed session meeting.

PETITION(S)/PORTFOLIO REVIEWS/ PETITIONS/ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN - NONE

Applicant(s) Ratifications

Ratification of Board Issued Licenses and Registrations LMT's & RMP's – January 2021
 Motion to accept the entire group of LMT's & RMP's as a whole by David Cox; 2nd by Margaret Hayes. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0. *Welcome to the State of Maryland!*

Conversion to LMT's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06203	Mantilla, Anny J.	05/04/2017

New RMP's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
R03317	Gilchrist, Shonte	01/15/2021

CURRENT LICENSURE STATISTICS

Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants as of 01/20/2021

Category	Status	Nov	Dec
License Massage Therapist	Active	2466	2468
License Massage Therapist	Inactive	341	343
Registered Massage Practitioner	Active	1640	1643
Registered Massage Practitioner	Inactive	124	125



REVIEW ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN - None

MISCELLANEOUS

Questions submitted by the Public (*Caitlin Thompson, Grant Gerber & Sharon Oliver*) – **None**

Next Meeting – March 24, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

Open Session Meeting Adjourned – Motion to adjourn Open Session Meeting at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirsten Bodnarchuk by STU

Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT
Secretary/Treasurer



STATE OF MARYLAND BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING
February 24, 2021 – 10:02 A.M. TO 12:17P.M.

CALL IN PARTICIPANTS

1. Kirsten Hansen
2. Nijai Brown
3. Michelle England
4. David Madon
5. Joann Hess
6. Gabrielle Ham-Jones
7. Bee Well Living - Steven Bumbry, RMP & Owner
8. Lynne Brummitt
9. Chelsea Adams-Cook
10. Amelia Mitchell
11. Denise Cutair
12. Regina Schneider
13. David Marks
14. Sabrina Lopez
15. Shantel Lee
16. Lorena Haynes
17. Philomena Queen
18. James Bernardo