



State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Teleconference Call

April 28, 2021, 10:02 a.m. – 10:33 a.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

Christopher Hawkins, Licensing Unit Manager
Grant Gerber, AAG, Board Counsel
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist
Marc Ware, Senior Investigator
Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator
Kimberly Link, MDH Boards Liaison

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 April 28, 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 with the exception of Sharon Oliver & T. Nicole Cullings.

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

Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for March 24, 2021 – David Cox motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes; 2nd by Paula Jilanis. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

OLD BUSINESS - MATTERS FOR REPORTING

BOARD CHAIR REPORTS – Nothing to report.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES (*Lillian Reese*)

2021 Legislative Bills of Interest-End of Session Report

- **HB 1039/SB 745 Health Occupations- State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners – Revisions** – This Bill passed & will take effect October 1, 2021.
- **HB 28/SB 5 Public Health – Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities** – This Bill passed & will take effect October 1, 2021. Grant Gerber stated forms will need to be updated & Regulations may require revisions to reflect this Bill.



- **HB 224/SB 262 Department of Information Technology – Study of a Common Information Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards** -This Bill passed & will take effect July 1, 2021.
- **HB 344/SB 72 Open Meetings Act – Requirements for State Agencies and Local Boards of Elections (Maryland Transparency Act of 2021)** – This Bill did not pass.
- **HB 288/SB 183 Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate-Compact** – This Bill may impact the Massage Board.
- **HB 540/SB 139 Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure-Compact** – This Bill may impact the Massage Board.
- **HB 736/SB 571 Interstate Licensed Professional Counselors-Compact** – This Bill may impact the Massage Board.
- **HB 1006/SB 938 Service Members, Veterans, Military Spouses Temporary Licensure**-This Bill did not pass.
- **2022 Legislative Session** – Concept Papers need to be approved by the May Board Meeting. Proposals submitted last fall are in the Secretary’s Office awaiting approval. Caitlin Thompson thanked Amelia Mitchell for her hard work on the Massage Bill.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – *Christopher Hawkins, Sr. for Sharon Oliver, MBA*

2020 Financial Disclosure Filings Due Now – All 2020 Financial Disclosures should be complete and submitted. The deadline is Friday, April 30, 2021.

Caitlin Thompson announced the deadline to renew all Licenses and Registrations is June 30, 2021.

LICENSING UNIT MANAGER’S REPORT– *Christopher Hawkins, Sr.*

Category	Total	%
All	3,174 of 4,158	76.33
LMT	2,027 of 2,488	81.47
RMP	1,147 of 1,670	68.68

Total Revenue - \$789,082.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee – *Paula Jilanis* - The Advisory Committee met to work on the concept paper. Updates will be presented at the next Board Meeting.

Navigation Book Committee – *Margaret Hayes* - The Navigation Book Committee is working diligently and plans to meet again in May. Margaret Hayes thanked Sharon Oliver and Grant Gerber for their hard work.

Licensing Committee (LRC) – *Kirsten Bodnarchuk* - Nothing to report.



NEW BUSINESS- MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

BOARD CHAIR REPORTS – Nothing to report.

BOARD COUNSEL – Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT(S) – *Christopher Hawkins, Sr. for Sharon Oliver, MBA*

FSMTB Invitation to: Massage Therapy Compact Kickoff Meeting, May 13, 2021 – The FSMTB is hosting a meeting to discuss the background & function of the interstate compact development process. All Board Members & LMT’s are encouraged to attend. The meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

LICENSING UNIT MANAGER’S REPORT – *Christopher Hawkins, Sr.*

Current Licensure Statistics

Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants as of 04/13/2021

Category	Status	Feb	Mar
License Massage Therapist	Active	2486	2487
License Massage Therapist	Inactive	343	345
Registered Massage Practitioner	Active	1682	1670
Registered Massage Practitioner	Inactive	125	125

Concept Paper – Paula Jilanis clarified the purpose of the Concept Paper. The purpose is to inform the Secretary’s Office of the Board’s intended changes to Statute.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee – Nothing to report.

Ad-Hoc JP Exam Committee – *Paula Jilanis* – The Committee met to review exam questions regarding Statues. Paula Jilanis asked the Board to consider raising the passing score to 85%. The next Ad-Hoc meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2021. A draft will be presented at the June Board Meeting.

Licensing Committee – *Kirsten Bodnarchuk*

Status of Board Approved Schools – The Committee met to work on verbiage and to discuss the approval process. Please submit any suggestions in writing to Kirsten Bodnarchuk.

Out of State Training Programs: Petitions Approval Process – The Board only approves In-State Massage School Programs. A list of approved schools is not offered to the public.



Accreditations & Program Endorsements are freestanding of the Board's purview.

Disciplinary Committee Cases – Nothing to report.

MATTERS FOR NOTATION

ACTIONS FROM MARCH 24, 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 – March 2021
 Motion to accept the entire group of LMT's & RMP's as a whole group by David Cox; 2nd by Paula Jilanis. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0. *Welcome to the State of Maryland!*

New LMT's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06213	Stone, Abby	03/01/2021
M06214	Nance Jr. Kenneth E.	03/01/2021
M06215	Lee, Andre E.	03/02/2021
M06216	Ballard, Angela M.	03/04/2021
M06218	Butler, Andra M.	03/08/2021
M06219	Davis, Amanda D.	03/11/2021
M06220	Lehman, Richard A.	03/01/2021

Total 7

RMP to LMT Conversion

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06217	Yoshida, Hiroko	06/04/2019

Total 1

New RMP's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
R03336	Mangold, Hannah G.	03/01/2021
R03337	Walker, Medina H.	03/01/2021
R03338	Faulkner, Stephanie R.	03/12/2021
R03339	Chaveangchavalit, Jintana	03/31/2021



R03340	Purnell, Tamara M.	03/31/2021
R03341	Hu, Chunli	03/31/2021

Total 6

REVIEW ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN – None

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Next Meeting – May 26, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

Open Session Meeting Adjourned – Motion to adjourn Open Session Meeting at 10:33 a.m. by Paula Jilanis; 2nd by Diane Jones Richards. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirsten Bodnarchuk by sro

Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT
Secretary/Treasurer



STATE OF MARYLAND BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING
April 28, 2021 – 10:02 A.M. TO 10:33 A.M.

CALL IN PARTICIPANTS

1. Amelia Mitchell, AMTA
2. Chelsea Adams-Cook
3. Gabrielle Ham Jones
4. Lynne Brummitt
5. Nijai Brown
6. Denice Cutair
7. Jean Jeffreys
8. Wellness Today Spa
9. Michelle England
10. Laura Embleton
11. Hips of 6
12. Leann Irwin