

# Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

## General Session

June 27, 2018

### Members Present

David A. Cox, LMT, Chair  
Gwenda Harrison, LMT, Vice-Chair  
Gloria Boddie-Epps, Secretary/Treasurer  
Paula K. Jilanis, LMT  
Caitlin M. Thompson, LMT  
Margaret Hayes, Consumer Member

### Non-Members Present

Grant Gerber, AAG  
Laurie Sheffield-James, Executive Director  
Adrienne Congo, Deputy Director  
Serita Anderson, Administrative Specialist  
Janine Fleming, Holistic  
Tara McManay CSM

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- I. **Call to Order – at 10:10 AM - David Cox, LMT, Chair**
  - II. **Roll Call – All present (J. Paige Szymanski, LMT)**
  - III. **Review/Approval of General Session Agenda – (motion Paula Jilanis/2<sup>nd</sup> Gwenda Harrison) was approved with corrections and additions.-Passed**
  - IV. **Review/Approval of Minutes – May 23, 2018 – (motion Caitlin Thompson/2<sup>nd</sup> Margaret Hayes) – Minutes was approved.-Passed**
  - V. **Reports:**
    - A. **Chair-** Nothing to report
    - B. **Committee(s) Report(s) – Advisory Committee-Gwenda Harrison, Chair –Legislative Pre-Proposal Concepts-** The Board submitted 2 Concept Papers (CP) to Secretary Neall, (1) on the Massage Establishment and the (2<sup>nd</sup>) to clarify Scope of Practice within our statutes. The Secretary *per* the Governor indicated that only one CP will be going forwarded, the CP to clarify Scope of Practice was denied, the CP on Massage Establishments were approved. The Board will continue the process to develop Legislation, that will include public meetings and the opportunity for all interested individuals, organizations and agencies to join in the process. *Chair*, the other part of the CP was approved was the Rapback? *Lillian Reese, Legislation and Regulation Coordinator*, yes the Rapback was approved.

- *Licensing Committee-Paula Jilanis, Chair-* The committee has visited all the schools in Maryland. Next month we will be giving a report. The visits were well received and I believed the visits are helping to build a good rapport between the schools and the Board.

**C. Executive Director/Deputy Director: Laurie Sheffield-James –**

*Personnel-* the Investigator position has been posted and it will close on June 29, 2018. Human Resources will review the applicants and let the Board know who is qualified. By the end of next month we should be in the process of interviewing the applicants. I will be meeting with the applicant for the Administrated Specialist position soon, there is more paperwork that needs to be completed.

**Deputy Director: Adrienne Congo-** This is renewal year and we are anticipating opening live for renewals by August 15, 2018 (within that window). Currently what's going to be sent out (effective today) by the IT Department to upload on our website via email a reminder postcard, this will be going to all licensees and registrants that have their email on file with the Board. Per each renewal I usually have a specific resource page that is put on the website so that everything that is disseminated and about regarding renewals get posted. What we are going to add is frequently asked questions (FAQ) mostly renew type questions that we get regularly *example*, what is the criterion for CEU's for renewal? The Board is going to help educate and promote the website to be user friendly. *Chair*, did the Board make any changes as far as computer wise with the on line registration this year? *Adrienne Congo response*, pretty much the same only thing is I suggested that business information be a mandatory field where it transfers over into the licensing database so that if an individual indicate they are a sole practitioner or working for a massage business that information will be now captured on the new licensing database. *Chair*, that's great!

**VI. Board Counsel – Grant Gerber, Board Counsel-** Briefly, for the public there has been a lot of behind the scenes effort to comply with the Boards statues such as 6404. There is such a thing as the establishment under the law and the Massage Therapy Rehabilitation Committee has done a lot of work and we have an agreement from the University of Maryland in Baltimore to work with the committee.

**VII. New Business: -Adrienne Congo-** the Board received an Inquiry from a Chiropractor that is also a License Massage Therapist (LMT). His initial inquiry is that he is going to have a separate massage business on the premises. The massage part of the business would like to employ Registered Massage Practitioners (RMP). They sent in a plan to put up walls and doors. *Grant Gerber*, you can easily have a multi health care setting; RMP's can't operate in a health care setting. *Chair*, Chiropractors cannot refer to the RMP's they have to refer to the LMT's. *Grant Gerber*, The Board will refer back to our definition of Health Care Setting in our statues.

**VIII. Old Business:** *Nothing to Report*

**IX. Ratification of New Licensees & Registrants (June 2018)**

*(motion Paula Jilanis / Caitlin Thompson) CONGRATULATIONS!!!*

**X. Miscellaneous Discussion:** *Nothing to Report*

***General Session Adjourned at 10:46 AM we will be moving to the Executive Session after a brief break.***

*Respectfully submitted,*



*Gloria Boddie-Epps*

*Secretary/Treasurer*