



MARYLAND State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Wednesday, June 26, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. - 10:32 a.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
Gloria Boddie-Epps, Consumer Member
Margaret Hayes, Consumer Member

Non-Members Present

Adrienne Congo, Acting Executive Dir.
Grant Gerber, AAG
Marc Ware, Investigator III
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist
Lillian Reese, Legislation Specialist
Damian Achambeau, CMSM
Tara McManaway, CSM
Sabrina Lopez, AMTA
Kim Bennardi, MDH

Call to Order at 10:00 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 June 26, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by *Paula K. Jilanis, LMT and Board Chair*. Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present. Board Members *Gwenda Harrison* and *Margaret Hayes* participated via teleconference. The Massage Board Meeting for the month of July was cancelled.

Review/Approval of the Open Session Agenda - The agenda was approved. *Motion to accept by Gloria Boddie-Epps; 2nd by David Cox. The motion carried.*

Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for May 22, 2019 - The minutes were approved. *Motion to approve by Caitlin Thompson; 2nd by David Cox. The motion carried.*

Pearson VUE - Update - *Adrienne Congo, Acting Executive Director* reported that transition to Pearson Vue as a proctor for the JP Exam is delayed pending the state's conversion to a new bank. This includes the assignment of a bank deposit account number for the Massage Therapy Board. Board staff will check back with FSMTB after July 1, 2019 to determine the feasibility of going under their umbrella to contract with Pearson Vue, versus pursuing a sole source contract through the state.

Matters for Discussion/Decision - *Paula K. Jilanis, LMT* - the June 18, 2019 Committee Forum on the Establishment Bill will be moved to the Committee Reports.

Board Chair Report(s) - *Paula K. Jilanis, LMT*

Board Meeting - Paula Jilanis recommended that the Board take off in July instead of August. The next Massage Therapy Board Meeting will be held on August 28, 2019. The Board will discuss the scheduling of the November 2019 meeting on August 28, 2019.

Executive Director Vacancy - interviews have been completed and the Board at the next level of the hiring process.

Board Seat Vacancy - nominations were being accepted until July 19, 2019. Adrienne Congo informed there was an email blast sent out to all License Massage Therapist (LMT's) announcing vacancy for the Board position.

Outgoing Board Member - the Board thanked J. Paige Szymanski, LMT for her services to the Massage Therapy Board and wished her best of luck on her future endeavors.

Acting Executive Director's Report - Adrienne Congo will be sending Board Members a link to facilitate direct deposit for their per diem.

Central Maryland School of Massage - Accreditation issue with their central location is affecting the Maryland campus. MD campus is instituting an "teach out" for current enrollees. Additionally, no new student will be accepted until the accreditation issue has been resolved. The Board will be apprised of any updates received.

Board Counsel - *Grant Gerber, AAG* will make comments for the Establishment Bill.

Committee Report(s)

Advisory Committee - *Caitlin Thompson LMT, Chair* - The committee held their 2nd meeting regarding proposed Establishment legislation. There were representatives from the Federation of State Massage Therapy Board (FSMTB), American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA), Association of Bodywork & Massage Professional (ABMP), Advisory Committee and Grant Gerber, Board Counsel in attendance. Chair, reported that this was a preliminary committee meeting to brainstorm on possible statute.

Licensing Committee - *David Cox LMT, Member* - Columbia Institute has contacted the Licensing Committee and Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) in regards to opening a 2nd location in Ellicott City. They are currently in the early stages of the process.

Concept Paper (s) Update - Paula Jilanis, LMT, Chair - Record of Arrest and Prosecutions (Rap Back), both Concept Papers was not accepted, so we are now looking for sponsors for the Rap Back. The Board is creating an Establishment Bill and they will be looking for a sponsor for that bill as well. The Board is in conversation with AMTA about sponsorship for the Rap Back. *Adrienne Congo*: The Rap Back has been approved for several other Boards. Why is it necessary for it to be a resubmission for additional Boards to have the Rap Back approved? *Paula Jilanis*: It was reported to her that for the Board's that have been approved for the Rap Back, the system is still not in place and they are not sure when it will be in place. Therefore, approval of more Rap Back bills will be on hold per the Office of the Secretary.

Acting Executive Director's Report - *Adrienne Congo*

Ratifications of Petitions from May 22, 2019 Closed Session

- Applicant – *Brian Wettstein* – Approved for continued processing
- Applicant – *Shari Malowitz* – Approved for continued processing
- Applicant – *Cynthia Durant* – Approved for continued processing
- Applicant – *Natalie Santiago* – Approved for continued processing
- Applicant – *Randy Mack* – Approved for continued processing
- Applicant – *Cynthia James* – Approved for continued processing

Ratification of Board Issued Licenses and Registrations - *David Cox LMT, Member*, moved to combine all LMT's & RMP's as a group; 2nd by *Caitlin Thompson, LMT*. The motion carried. *Congratulations!*

LICENSE NUMBER	NAME	ORIGINAL LICENSE DATE
LMT'S		
M06055	SCHERRER-ATLAS, JANE	05/02/2019
M06056	SEOK, HOSEUN	05/08/2019
M06057	RAMBUS, PERTUNE U.	05/08/2019
M06058	WRENN, CHRISTINE M.	05/15/2019
RMP'S		
R03058	FORTNEY, BILL W.	05/02/2019
R03059	BEALE, ANNETTE D.	05/02/2019
R03060	SANDEL, NESSA A.	05/02/2019
R03061	MILLER, MELISSA	05/02/2019
R03076	BLINKHORN, NICOLE	05/02/2019
R03077	KREUL, VICTORIA	05/02/2019
R03078	KONE. ALIMATA	05/06/2019
R03079	ZIMMERMAN, JEANETTA	05/07/2019

R03080	GILL, TAJAI S.	05/07/2019
R03081	WITTMAN, CAROLINE M	05/07/2019
R03082	SCUDERI, VIRGINIA A.	05/07/2019
R03083	ALLEN, STEPHANIE R	05/07/2019
R03084	LEVINE, JACOB V.	05/07/2019
R03085	ARMSTRONG, TIFFANI	05/09/2019
R03086	TORRES, SARA L.	05/15/2019
R03087	RAINES, JENNIFER	05/15/2019
R03088	MITCHELL, ERICA	05/15/2019
R03089	WILSON, HUNTER U.	05/15/2019

Current Licensure Statistics

Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants

Licensed Massage Therapists	Active	2442
Licensed Massage Therapists	Inactive	241
Registered Massage Practitioners	Active	1462
Registered Massage Practitioners	Inactive	89

Next Meeting – August 28, 2019 10:00 A.M., Room 110

Meeting Adjourned & Closed for Proceeding Executive Session - Motion to adjourn by David Cox; 2nd by Caitlin Thompson. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



*David A. Cox, LMT
Secretary/Treasurer*

With appreciation to Serita Anderson for the minutes.