



## State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

#### Teleconference Call

June 24, 2020, 10:05 a.m. – 11:10 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  
Diane Jones Richards, Consumer Member  
Margaret Hayes, Consumer Member

#### Non-Members Present

Sharon J. Oliver, MBA, Executive Director  
Adrienne Congo, MS, Deputy Director  
Grant Gerber, AAG, Board Counsel  
Marc Ware, Investigator  
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist  
Lillian Reese, Legislative Specialist  
Kimberly Link, MDH Liaison to Boards and Commissions

#### Absent Board Member

Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT, Board Member

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#### **Call to Order at 10:05 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 June 24, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Paula Jilanis, LMT and Board Chair. Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present with the exception of Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT.

**Review/Approval of the Open Session Agenda with additions/amendments** – David Cox motioned to accept the agenda with additions; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caitlin Thompson. The motion passed. Board Vote: 6/0/0.

**Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for May 27, 2020** - Caitlin Thompson motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gwenda Harrison. The motion passed. Board Vote: 6/0/0.

#### **MATTERS FOR REPORTING**

##### **BOARD CHAIR REPORTS - PAULA JILANIS**

**Appointment of Nominating Committee** – Paula Jilanis announced that the Board is looking for volunteers to serve on the 2021 Nominating Committee. Any interested persons should contact Executive Director, Sharon Oliver.

**Massage Franchises and Massage Programs** - There are three franchises offering educational

programs in person and online. MHEC and the Massage Board are working to identify these approved schools.

**Pearson Vue** - Paula Jilanis reported that the Board is still considering this as a possibility for testing.

**Carryover CEU's to the 2022 Renewal Cycle** - It is premature to make decisions regarding CEU's carryover. This is a decision for the future Board.

**Extensions** - Paula Jilanis reported that the American Heart Association is granting extensions for CPR certifications. If your CPR certification expires prior to June 30, 2020 you will receive a 120-day extension; however if your certification expires after July 1, 2020, you must renew. No extensions will be granted.

**BOARD COUNSEL** - Grant Gerber reported that he is focused on administrative matters and efforts. He has been working diligently with MDH Boards on various committees.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Sharon Oliver thanked the Board Staff for their assistance while she was on leave. The 2021 Budget has been prepared and Budget preparation for 2022 will begin in July. Sharon Oliver asked the Board to consider which expenditures to incorporate into the new budget.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Advisory Committee**

Caitlin Thompson reported that the Advisory Committee hosted the Stakeholder's Meeting on June 15, 2020 via teleconference call. The next Advisory Committee Meeting will take place on June 25, 2020. A Stakeholder's Forum is scheduled for Monday, July 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The public is welcomed to participate.

### **Licensing Committee**

**Carryover CEU's** - David Cox reported that the License Review Committee's (LRC) recommendation is to not approve rolling over the 17 Elective CEU's for the 2022 renewal cycle; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caitlin Thompson. The motion carried. Board discussion ensued. Board Vote: 6/0/0.

**RMP to LMT** - David Cox reported that it is the recommendation of the LRC to approve the list of applied science/healthcare and advanced continuing education courses to qualify for an upgrade from RMP to LMT status; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Diane Jones Richards. The motion carried. Board discussion ensued. Board Vote: 6/0/0.

**Distancing Learning** – David Cox announced that the LRC is still exploring the manner in which distance learning can be incorporated into the regulations. Paula Jilanis will check to find out if simulation can be added to the regulation language.

**Williston State College** - An inquiry was received regarding whether or not Williston State College's Massage Curriculum will be accepted by the Board. Williston State College is an approved school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. Further information is needed on the content of the curriculum.

**MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

**August 2020 Board Meeting** – Paula Jilanis discussed whether or not to meet in August. She asked the Board to deliberate. A decision will be made at the July Board Meeting.

**Per Diem Increase for Board Chair** – Paula Jilanis asked the Board to consider raising the Per Diem payment for the Chair. The Board will revisit this discussion at the next Board Meeting.

**MATTERS FOR NOTATION**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**Petition Applicant(s) Ratifications from May 27, 2020 Administrative Session** - None

**Ratification of Board Issued License and Registrations** - None

**Current Licensure Statistics**

Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants

<b>Licensed Massage Therapists</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>2534</b>
<b>Licensed Massage Therapists</b>	<b>Inactive</b>	<b>238</b>
<b>Registered Massage Practitioners</b>	<b>Active</b>	<b>1613</b>
<b>Registered Massage Practitioners</b>	<b>Inactive</b>	<b>83</b>

**REVIEW ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN** - None

**Miscellaneous**

**Telehealth Bill** – Per Governor Hogan's Executive Order dated 03/20/2020 - All certified health occupants may practice telehealth. This legislation enables health care providers in Maryland to provide remote health care services so long as those services follow proper standards of care. Grant Gerber reported that the Board is working to produce regulations that will clarify what Massage Therapists can perform remotely.

**Next Meeting** – July 22, 2020 at 10:00 A.M., Room 110 or Teleconference Call

**Meeting Adjourned & Closed for Proceeding Administrative Session** – Motion to adjourn Open Session Meeting at 11:10 a.m. by David Cox; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Margaret Hayes. The motion carried. Board Vote:

6/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Cox by *SDU*

David A. Cox, LMT  
Secretary/Treasurer