



## MARYLAND State Board of Massage

### Therapy Examiners

## OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Wednesday, August 28, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

### Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

#### Open Session Minutes

10:00 a.m. - 10:33 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

Sharon J. Oliver, MBA, Executive Director  
Grant Gerber, AAG  
Marc Ware, Investigator III  
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist  
Lillian Reese, Legislation Specialist  
Kim Lang, MDH  
Sabrina Lopez, AMTA  
Martin Chamberlain  
Michelle England

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#### **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 August 28, 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. Paula Jilanis welcomed the new Executive Director, Ms. Sharon Oliver to the Board Meeting.

**Review/Approval of the Open Session Agenda** – Caitlin Thompson motioned to accept the agenda with amendments; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gwenda Harrison; The motion passed.

**Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for June 26, 2019** – Caitlin Thompson motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Margaret Hayes. The motion passed.

**Pearson VUE Update** – There is no new activity to convert the Board's account to a new banking institution due to the delay in the transition from the old banking institution. Consequently, the

Board cannot move forward. However, the necessary research towards this effort will continue.

### **Board Chair Reports**

Welcome to the New Executive Director – Ms. Jilanis, formally introduced Ms. Oliver as the new Executive Director. She also thanked Ms. Adrienne Congo for serving as the Acting Executive Director.

August 15, 2019 Meeting with Trade Associations Regarding Establishment Bill – Ms. Jilanis indicated that this topic will be presented by the Advisory Committee under Committee Reports.

Date for November Board Meeting – The November Massage Therapy Board Meeting will remain as scheduled for Wednesday, November 27, 2019.

AMTA Convention in Indianapolis, IN: October 24-26, 2019 - Ms. Jilanis will attend.

### **Executive Director's Report**

Board Member's Seat – Ms. Gloria Boddie-Epps, Consumer Board Member will be leaving the Board in September 2019. A new consumer member has been appointed to serve on the Board. However, the individual whose term will commence in October 2019 must be sworn in before being seated. The new Consumer Board Member's term will commence in October. The candidate for the vacant LMT position is still being vetted by the Office of Appointments.

Ms. Oliver reported that she is working with the Board on a number of initiatives including reviewing Statutes and Regulations. The public will be apprised appropriately regarding these issues.

### **Committee Reports**

**Nominating Committee** – *Margaret Hayes, Consumer Member* – The Slate of Officers are Paula Jilanis, Chair; Caitlin Thompson, Vice Chair; and David Cox, Secretary. The slate will be presented and voted upon officially at the September 25<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. Current officers can serve more than one term but no more than two terms consecutively. The new term begins October 23, 2019.

**Advisory Committee** – *Caitlin Thompson, LMT, Chair* – On Thursday, August 15, 2019, there was a meeting with interested parties to work on the Establishment Bill. The current draft is being reviewed by the Board's counsel. The draft will then be forwarded to the legislative liaison for final review, before presentation to the Board for endorsement. American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) has agreed to submit the proposed bill. Caitlin Thompson thanked the various Trade Associations for their participation in the workgroup.

**Licensing Committee** – *David Cox, LMT, Member* – Columbia College submitted a revised curriculum which complies with the Board's current regulations. The recommendation is to approve and accept the revised curriculum.

**Unfinished Business** – Update on Central Maryland School of Massage (CMSM) – Sharon Oliver reached out to CMSM for updates regarding their accreditation. However no response was received. Currently CMSM is not offering any new programs due to accreditation issues.

**Ratification of Petitions from June 26, 2019 Closed Session**

Applicant – Teresia Brunihard – Approved for continued processing  
Applicant – Christina Fuste – Approved for continues processing  
Applicant – Kevaun Christine – Approved for continued processing

**Ratification of Board Issued Licenses and Registrations** – David Cox, LMT, moved to combine all LMT’s & RMP’s as a group and ratify as new licensees; 2nd by Gwenda Harrison; the motion passed. (See attached list)

**Current Licensure Statistics**

Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants

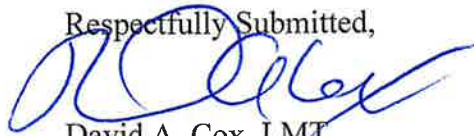
Licensed Massage Therapists	Active	2459
Licensed Massage Therapists	Inactive	241
Registered Massage Practitioners	Active	1491
Registered Massage Practitioners	Inactive	88

**Miscellaneous-** Discussion on Stretching – Gwenda Harrison mentioned that she received an inquiry from a colleague regarding stretching. **The concern is whether** students in an approved Massage School provide stretching are entitled to compensation. Grant Gerber alluded to [COMAR § 10.63.01.B.01] With regards to students, the Massage Therapy Board does not have authority on this type of regulation or practice.

**Next Meeting – October 23, 2019 10:00 A.M., Room 110**

**Meeting Adjourned & Closed for Proceeding Executive Session** – Motion to adjourn Open Session Meeting at 10:33 a.m. by David Cox; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gwenda Harrison. The motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,



David A. Cox, LMT  
Secretary/Treasurer

**NEW LMT'S & RMP'S JUNE 2019**

<b>License Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Original License Date</b>
<b>LMT'S June 2019</b>		
M06064	HEINES, MARCI DESIREE	06/04/2019
M06065	MAHABIR, LAURA KAMLA	06/04/2019
M06066	LOGAN, THERESA LYNN	06/05/2019
M06067	JAMISON, CINDY LOUISE	06/05/2019
M06068	THOMAS, TASHANIKA KIMBERLEE	06/05/2019
M06069	BERSHADSKY, FRANCHESKA R.	06/11/2019
M06070	MIHAYCHUK, NINA	06/12/2019
M06071	COLLINS-SMITH, CHRISTINA D.	06/18/2019
M06073	DENNIS, SUSAN K.	06/19/2019
M06074	YASHNYK, RADMILA	06/20/2019
M06075	JEAN-FRANCOIS, LAUDIE	06/19/2019
<b>RMP's June 2019</b>		
R03093	WHIPP, AMBER N.	06/04/2019
R03094	WETTSTEIN, BRIAN DAVID	06/04/2019
R03095	HALSTEAD, AKILAH M	06/04/2019
R03096	MITCHELL, MEGAN RENEE	06/04/2019
R03097	BAKHOS, LUCINDA	06/05/2019
R03098	MALLACE, TIFFANY AMBER	06/04/2019
R03099	TOSKES, GINA CHRISTINE	06/04/2019
R03100	YOSHIDA, HIROKO	06/04/2019
R03101	JONES, EVERETT NAHSHON	06/05/2019
R03102	MALYSHEV, MARAT MIKHAYLOVICH	06/05/2019
R03103	RODRIGUEZ, CAROLE NICOLE	06/12/2019
R03104	BENNETT, CRYSTAL ANTOINETTE	06/13/2019
R03105	MAHABIR, LAURA KAMLA	06/18/2019
R03107	SANTIAGO, NATALIE A	06/20/2019
R03108	LIN, JING	06/20/2019

**NEW LMT'S & RMP'S JULY 2019**

<b>License Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Original License Date</b>
<b>LMT's July 2019</b>		
M06076	SCHUSTER, ALETA C.	07/08/2019
M06077	PALERMO, GINA R.	07/08/2019
M06079	HICKMON, LeNITA JANEL	07/15/2019
M06081	NORRIS, TINA MARIA	07/30/2019
M06082	JACKSON, BLAIR NICOLE DENNY	07/30/2019
M06083	PAPPAROTTO-GOODMAN, SIONED ADRI	07/30/2019
M06084	SMITH, KATRINA LEE	07/30/2019
<b>RMP'S July 2019</b>		
R03109	PACE, BENJAMIN F.	07/08/2019
R03110	BOYLE, SIMONE M. V.	07/08/2019
R03111	SHAMBERG, LEV D.	07/15/2019
R03112	FILER, JODI L.	07/16/2019
R03113	MACK, RANDOLPH H.	07/16/2019
R03114	REBEIRO, CHRISTINE D.	07/16/2019
R03116	SELLERS, AZURE D.	07/16/2019
R03120	TILLER, AMY R.	07/19/2019
R03121	BUCHANAN, MADELINE J.	07/19/2019
R03122	BURKE, SHANNON E.	07/19/2019
R03123	MALIN, MEGAN ELIZABETH	07/29/2019
R03124	BRUINHARD, TERESIA GRACHELLA	07/30/2019
R03125	PAPPAROTTO-GOODMAN, ALEXANDER MICHAEL	07/30/2019
R03126	LeBRUN, JESSICA LYNN	07/30/2019
R03127	GUIFFRE, SUZETTE MARIE	07/30/2019
R03128	YAFFE, REBECCA ROSENZWEIG	07/30/2019
R03129	WILEY, CARSON MABEL	07/30/2019
R03130	NEARY, LAURA RENECCA	07/30/2019
R03131	HASAN, KUMAIL Z	07/31/2019