



MARYLAND | State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Teleconference Call

September 23, 2020, 10:02 a.m. – 11:38 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
Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT, Board Member

Non-Members Present

Sharon J. Oliver, MBA, Executive Director
Marc Ware, Senior Investigator
Grant Gerber, AAG, Board Counsel
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist
Rachel Rotenberg, Licensing Coordinator
Lillian Reese, Legislative Specialist
Kimberly Link, ED Liaison to MDH

*Please see attached list of call in participants

Call to Order at 10:02 a.m. & Opening Remarks by Board Chair

The regularly scheduled Open Session meeting of the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners was held via teleconference call on September 23, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Paula Jilanis, LMT and Board Chair. Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present. The Board recognized the recent passing of Martin Chamberlain, LMT with a moment of silence.

Review/Approval of the Amended Open Session Agenda with additions - Gwenda Harrison motioned to accept the amended agenda with additions; 2nd by David Cox. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for August 26, 2020 – David Cox motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes; 2nd by Margaret Hayes. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

MATTERS FOR REPORTING

COMTA Presentation - Dawn Hogue, Executive Director of the Commission on Massage Therapy Accreditation (COMTA), presented on endorsed curriculum status and the accreditation process. Board Discussion.

BOARD CHAIR REPORTS- PAULA JILANIS

Franchises and School Programs Update- Paula Jilanis reported that this is still a work in progress. The Licensing Committee (LRC) will review and present information to the Board at a future meeting.

Thank you- Paula Jilanis recognized Gwenda Harrison's service to the Board. Gwenda was presented with a plaque for her hard work and dedication. Farewell and thank you to Gwenda for her many years of service!

Telehealth Regulations required by impacted Health Boards- A request was received for the Board to submit Telehealth Regulations to the Department of Health. This matter was referred to the Advisory Committee.

National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) for the website – A list of credential services was compiled to facilitate transcription of foreign education credentials. The list will be published on the website as a resource.

BOARD COUNSEL

Grant Gerber reported that Senate Bill [SB402] was passed which allows Telehealth to be practiced in Maryland. This bill applies to all healthcare occupations and allows healthcare professionals to meet with their clients remotely. Grant Gerber recently participated in a Human Trafficking task force meeting that addressed issues related to illegal Labor Trafficking.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Renewals Update – Sharon Oliver thanked the staff for their dedication and hard work to ensure a smooth renewal process. To date, 795 individuals have completed their renewals, a 19.25% completion rate. The Massage Board has received \$197,478 in revenue for the renewal cycle.

Year in Review- 2020 Summary – Last month Sharon Oliver celebrated her 1-year anniversary with the Chiropractic & Massage Boards. Sharon Oliver provided summary activities on the following units: Licensing, Discipline, Administrative and Massage revenue & expenditures. Disciplinary actions will be posted on the website.

Staffing Update

Investigator Position- (posting closed 09/14/2020) - The recruitment for the vacant Investigator Position has closed. Sharon Oliver and Marc Ware will be conducting interviews within the next few weeks.

Administrator III - Request to Recruit Approved- The Administrator III vacancy was posted online Friday, September 14, 2020.

PIA Requests- the Board recently received several PIA requests. The Board is working to

comply and respond to these requests in a timely manner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee - (Margaret Hayes, Nominating Chair & Sharon Oliver) - Margaret Hayes reported that the Nominating Committee submitted a slate of officers to the Board on September 22, 2020. The slate of Officers will be voted on later in today's meeting.

Advisory Committee - Caitlin Thompson thanked Gwenda Harrison for her years of service to the Board, her work on the Advisory Committee and initiatives to combat Human Trafficking.

Licensing Committee (LRC) - David Cox reported that the LRC worked on reviewing RMP to LMT status change requests, recommendations for review by the Board and reporting requirements for Massage Therapy Schools. These recommendations will be sent to the Advisory Committee.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Election of Officers (Margaret Hayes and Sharon Oliver) – Margaret Hayes thanked Sharon Oliver and Grant Gerber for their work on the Nominating Committee. Margaret Hayes announced the slate of officers: Caitlin Thompson for Chair, Paula Jilanis for Vice Chair and Kirsten Bordnarchuk for Secretary. Motion to amend Bylaws to allow electronic voting (for this Board meeting only) by Margaret Hayes; 2nd by Gwenda Harrison. The motion carried. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Votes were tabulated by Kimberly Link & Sharon Oliver announced the results: Caitlin Thompson-Board Chair, Paula Jilanis-Vice Chair and Kirsten Bodnarchuk-Secretary/Treasurer. Congratulations to the new Board Members!

MATTERS FOR NOTATION

RETIRED LMT – Stacy Ann Rabinovitz, LMT (M00001) Licensed 11/15/1999-Stacy Ann was the first licensed Massage Therapist in Maryland -Congratulations to Stacy Ann Rabinovitz on her retirement!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

Petition Applicant(s) Ratifications from August 26, 2020 Administrative Session

- **JK – Petition to waive \$100 penalty due to financial hardship approved** – Approved by the Board to waive the \$100 penalty.
- **Reviewed and dismissed 3 complaints and voted to investigate 2 complaints**
- **Terminated the probation of Erin Traweek, RMP** – Erin Traweek, RMP's probation has been satisfied and terminated.

Ratification of Board Issued License and Registrations - LMT's & RMP's August 2020 – Motion to ratify the new LMT & RMP licensees as an entire group by David Cox; 2nd by Gwenda Harrison. The motion carried. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

New LMT's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06167	Jin, Guohua	08/19/2020
M06170	Roy, Nicole, R.	08/27/2020
M06171	Bushong-Collins, Elizabeth	08/27/2020

RMP to LMT Conversion

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06168	Yapura Salvatierra, Carlos L.	08/24/2020
M06169	Moore, Winston J.	08/24/2020

New RMP's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
R03252	Qiu-Ma, Nicholas	08/17/2020
R03253	Jiang, Xia	08/24/2020
R03254	Cao, Fengwei	08/27/2020
R03255	Bowling, Carleah, R.	08/27/2020

Current Licensure Statistics

Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants as of 09/15/2020

Licensed Massage Therapists	Active	2517
Licensed Massage Therapists	Inactive	262
Registered Massage Practitioners	Active	1619
Registered Massage Practitioners	Inactive	86

REVIEW ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN - None

Miscellaneous

Questions – None

Closing Comments – Paula Jilanis expressed sincere gratitude for support received during her tenure as the Board Chair.

Next Meeting – October 28, 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 11:38 a.m. by Gwenda Harrison; 2nd by David Cox. The motion carried. Board
Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Cox by sjw

David A. Cox, LMT
Secretary/Treasurer



STATE OF MARYLAND BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING
September 23, 2020 – 10:02 A.M. TO 11:38 A.M.

CALL IN PARTICIPANTS

1. Amelia Mitchell, AMTA
2. Dawn Hogue, COMTA
3. Gabrielle Ham-Jones
4. Chelsea Adams-Cook
5. Denise Cutair
6. Kimberly Link, MDH
7. Philmena Queen
8. Sabrina Lopez
9. Michelle England
10. Miya Cooper
11. Shantel Lee
12. Israelite Expressions
13. Regina Schneider
14. Patricia Y. Stonebanks