



MARYLAND | State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Teleconference Call

October 28, 2020, 10:03 a.m. – 11:16 a.m.

Members Present

Caitlin M. Thompson, LMT, Board Chair
Paula K. Jilanis, LMT, Vice Chair
Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT, Secretary/Treasurer
David Cox, LMT, Board Member
Diane Jones Richards, Consumer Member
Margaret Hayes, Consumer Member
Eric Newdom, 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

*Please see attached list of call in participants

Call to Order at 10:03 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 October 28, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Board Chair Caitlin M. Thompson, LMT. Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present. Caitlin M. Thompson expressed her gratitude as the newly elected Board Chair and stated that her mission is to be equitable, reasonable and fair while expanding the scope of practice for the Massage Board.

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

Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for September 23, 2020 - David Cox motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes; 2nd by Diane Jones Richards. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

MATTERS FOR REPORTING

BOARD CHAIR REPORTS

Welcome to New Board Member, Eric Newdom, LMT - Caitlin Thompson introduced new

Board Member, Eric Newdom, LMT to the Board Meeting. Eric brings over 20 years of experience & expertise as licensed massage therapist & educator to the field. Welcome Eric!

David Cox- FSMTB President - Our very own David Cox was recently elected to the position of President to of the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards. David Cox recently served as Treasurer for the FSMTB & formerly served as Chair of the Massage Board. Congratulations to David Cox!

New Committees

Bylaws - Sharon Oliver announced the members of the Bylaws Committee. **Members:** Margaret Hayes (Chair) & Eric Newdom

Paula Jilanis motioned to open the bylaws for discussion in order to suspend §4.5B3 to temporarily allow the Disciplinary Committee to be Chaired by the Secretary/Treasurer; 2nd by David Cox. The motion carried. Board Vote: 7/0/0. (Vice Chair must Chair Disciplinary Committee in lieu of temporary position of the Secretary/Treasurer).

Caitlin Thompson announced the Board Member assignments for the following committees:

Advisory- Paula Jilanis (Chair) **Members:** Caitlin Thompson & Diane Jones Richards

Licensing- Kirsten Bodnarchuk (Chair) **Members:** David Cox & Paula Jilanis

Disciplinary- Kirsten Bodnarchuk (Chair) **Members:** Margaret Hayes & Eric Newdom

Rehabilitation- Volunteers are needed for this committee. Please contact Caitlin Thompson if interested.

Parliamentarian- Kirsten Bodnarchuk volunteered to become Board Parliamentarian. The Open Meetings Act Training is a requirement to become Parliamentarian.

BOARD COUNSEL

Grant Gerber welcomed Caitlin Thompson as the new board chair. Grant Gerber will discuss regulations in the administrative session. Due to preparation for the upcoming Legislative session there will be a “blackout period.” Therefore Regulation Committee Meetings will be suspended. Grant stated that he will be available to assist and support the review of regulations.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Renewals Update - Sharon Oliver welcomed Eric Newdom to the Board Meeting. We are currently at a 51.2% completion rate with \$527,698 in revenue. The Board has been receiving numerous calls regarding the renewal expiration date. Renewals completed past the October 31st deadline will not be assessed a late fee due to the current State of Emergency.

Question from Out of State Licensee- The Board received a call from a licensed massage therapist in Arizona with 35 years of experience as a massage professional. The inquiry was regarding whether or not the individual would have to take the National exam. The LRC will respond to these inquiries.

2021 Legislative Bill Sponsor- Amelia Mitchell, Board Member, AMTA discussed the progress of the Massage Bill. Currently the Bill is in the drafting phase. The purpose is to clarify and update the language to reduce ambiguity.

Caitlin Thompson acknowledged the Board Staff for their hard work and efforts during the renewal time. The license renewal date for the 2020 cycle will expire 30 days after the State of Emergency is lifted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee

Telehealth Regulations – Paula Jilanis explained the scope of practice language & discussed remote performance. Paula Jilanis also discussed changes in the language. The recommendation of the Advisory Committee is to accept the Telehealth Regulations as written. All in favor to accept the recommendations from the Advisory Committee.

Licensing Committee (LRC)

Potomac Massage Training Institute’s (PMTI) proposed program modification received – Kirsten Bodnarchuk announced that a letter was received from MHEC stating there were no significant changes. Changes based on when next semester of classes will begin. The LRC will send a reminder letter to schools to inform the Board when a school has been approved.

NEW BUSINESS/MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Bylaws (Margaret Hayes)

COMTA Endorsed curriculum

November Board Meeting Date Change- The next board meeting will take place as scheduled on Wednesday, November 25, 2020.

MATTERS FOR NOTATION

Actions from September 23, 2020 Closed session- Nothing to report.
The board did not conduct a closed Session Meeting.

Petition Applicant(s) Ratifications from September 23, 2020 Administrative Session - None

Ratification of Board Issued License and Registrations - LMT's & RMP's September 2020

New LMT's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06172	Kirkpatrick, Lori R.	09/04/2020
M06173	Taylor, Autumn N.	09/08/2020
M06175	Daniel, Janelle	09/14/2020
M06176	Wallizer, Morgan C.	09/25/2020
M06177	Verhoef, Brittany N.	09/25/2020

RMP to LMT Conversion

License Number	Name	Date Status Changed
M01674	Oh, Changwon	09/22/2020

New RMP's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
R03256	Monroe, Jessica V.	09/02/2020
R03257	Brodts, Nanci L.	09/04/2020
R03258	Li, Lang	09/08/2020
R03259	Boyle, Carly M.	09/08/2020
R03260	White, Felicity D.	09/08/2020
R03261	Pavlov, Dimitar P.	09/08/2020
R03262	Cannaliato, Jeanette L.	09/09/2020
R03263	McMullin, Rachel L.	09/10/2020
R03264	Griffin, James G.	09/14/2020
R03265	Garner, Jennifer L.	09/17/2020
R03266	Prather, LaKrista C.	09/18/2020
R03267	Kopp, Caralena M.	09/25/2020
R03268	Stahler, Evan A.	09/30/2020

Motion to ratify and accept all new licensees as a whole group by David Cox; 2nd by Paula Jilanis. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0. Welcome to the State of Maryland!

Current Licensure Statistics

Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants

Licensed Massage Therapists	Active	2506
Licensed Massage Therapists	Inactive	285
Registered Massage Practitioners	Active	1630
Registered Massage Practitioners	Inactive	105

REVIEW ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN - None

Miscellaneous

Questions Submitted by the Public on behalf of AMTA Submission - (Caitlin Thompson)

“With the State of Emergency allowing people to delay their renewal, are licensees still allowed to continue taking CEU courses for 2020 renewal until the State of Emergency is lifted plus the 30 day grace period?”

Yes, you may continue to take CEU Coursework to satisfy the requirements until the State of Emergency is lifted. Technically renewals are not due October 31, 2020.

“If someone has already renewed as of November 1, 2020, can they begin taking CEU Credits that will counts towards the 2022 renewal cycle?”

Yes, you may take CEU Credit Coursework that will count towards the next renewal cycle.

“What about those who have not renewed due to the Governor’s State of Emergency Order? Will there be a distinction by date for CEU credits as earned before or after renewal? How will the Board make this distinction?”

The Board will work with the IT department to review the CEU completion date and compare the renewal date as it appears in the renewal portal. If there are any discrepancies or falsifying of information, the individual will be flagged for an audit.

“Knowing that most people plan ahead to complete their CEU’s AMTA respectfully requests the Board to address the concern surrounding carryover CEU’s into the 2022 renewal cycle”.

Given the 17 CEU Credit waiver- if a licensee has completed the entire 24 CEU coursework, they will receive credit for the next 2022 cycle. Motion to allow the carryover of 17 CEU’s completed prior to the waiver requirement from the 2020 renewal cycle to be used in the 2022 renewal cycle by LMT’s & RMP’s by Paula Jilanis; 2nd by David Cox. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0. Board Discussion.

(Amended) Motion to allow the carryover of up to 17 CEU's completed prior to the waiver requirement from the 2020 renewal cycle to be carried over to the 2022 renewal cycle by Paula Jilanis; 2nd by David Cox. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

“What will happen if we are still in a State of Emergency by the start of the 2022 renewal cycle?”

Unfortunately, the Board is not in a position to answer this question at this time as it is premature. This question will be addressed at a later time.

Diane Jones Richards volunteered to join the Rehabilitation Committee.

Next Meeting – November 25, 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 11:16 a.m. by Paula Jilanis; 2nd by Diane Jones Richards. The motion carried. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirsten Bodnarchuk by so

Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT
Secretary/Treasurer



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CALL IN PARTICIPANTS

1. Amelia Mitchell, AMTA
2. Chelsea Adams-Cook
3. Mark Hamilton
4. Kimberly Link, MDH
5. Sabrina Lopez
6. Michelle England
7. Tranquili Chi
8. David Madon
9. Jean Jeffreys
10. Regina Schneider
11. Lillian Reese, Legislative Specialist