



State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Teleconference Call

October 27, 2021, 10:02 a.m. – 10:54 a.m.

Members Present

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

Non-Members Present

Sharon Oliver, MBA, Executive Director
Christopher Hawkins, Licensing Unit Manager
Tony DeFranco, AAG, Board Counsel
Marc Ware, Senior Investigator
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist
Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator
Kimberly Link, MDH Boards Liaison

Board Chair's Opening Remarks, Reading of the Board's Mission & Call to Order at 10:02 a.m. by Caitlin Thompson, LMT

The regularly scheduled Open Session meeting of the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners was held via teleconference call on October 27, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Board Chair Caitlin M. Thompson, LMT. Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present.

Welcome to Stephen Conti, LMT – Caitlin Thompson introduced newest Board Member, Stephen Conti, LMT. He is a 2006 graduate of PMTI and a Licensed Massage Therapist since 2008. Mr. Conti resides in Howard County with his wife. Warm welcome to Stephen!

Review/Approval of the Amended Open Session Agenda – Kirsten Bodnarchuk motioned to accept the Open Session Agenda; 2nd by Eric Newdom. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for September 22, 2021 – Margaret Hayes motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes; 2nd by Paula Jilanis. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

OLD BUSINESS - MATTERS FOR REPORTING

BOARD CHAIR REPORTS – Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – *(Sharon J. Oliver, MBA)*



2022 Massage Bill – Curriculum Language Change at recommendation of DLS – Feedback was received from the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) regarding the curriculum language in the bill. Several versions were presented for Board consideration. Board Discussion. Motion to strike MHEC from Version 1, Section B by Kirsten Bodnarchuk; 2nd by Eric Newdom. The motion passed. Board vote 7/0/0.

Board Member and Staff Training: CLEAR Executive Leadership Program Completed. Participants Diane Jones Richards, Christopher Hawkins, Marc Ware, Sharon Oliver –The CLEAR Training is complete. Congratulations to all who participated. The training proved to be extremely informative on how to navigate in post pandemic environments & strengthen the skills of those in existing leadership roles.

LICENSING UNIT MANAGER’S REPORT– *Christopher Hawkins, Sr.* – Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee – Nothing to report.

Ad-Hoc JP Exam Committee – (*Paula Jilanis, LMT*)

The online exam formatting is complete. Test exams have been sent out to several individuals. Updates next meeting.

Licensing Committee – (*Eric Newdom, LMT*)

CEU Approval Process – The Board is reviewing additional ways to approve Continuing Education courses and requirements.

Renewal Fee Waiver Request – There was a request to waive renewal fees for the previous renewal cycle. The Committee voted to deny this request.

CEU Approval – submitted by Brilliance Advanced Beauty Education, LLC. The following courses were submitted by Cortney Cox.

"Working Smarter not Harder in the Beauty Business" (Course Outline for 3 CEU Credits).
& "Is a Home Treatment Room Right for Me?" (Course Outline for 3 CEU Credits).
The CEU Committee recommended approving the above courses. The Board accepted the recommendations of the CEU Committee.

NEW BUSINESS – MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Board Chair Reports – (*Caitlin Thompson, LMT*) – Nothing to report.

Executive Director’s Report – (*Sharon J. Oliver, MBA*)

Staff Update – The Investigator’s position (for the Chiropractic Board) has been posted. This



position supports the Massage Board as well.

LICENSING UNIT MANAGER’S REPORT – Christopher Hawkins, Sr.

Current Licensure Statistics

Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants as of 10/19/2021

Category	Status	#
License Massage Therapist	Active	2229
License Massage Therapist	Inactive	254
Registered Massage Practitioner	Active	1488
Registered Massage Practitioner	Inactive	90

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee – (Paula Jilanis, LMT) – Nothing to report.

Licensing Committee – (Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT) – Nothing to report.

Actions from the September 22, 2021 Closed Session – The Board did not conduct a closed session meeting.

PETITION(S)/PORTFOLIO REVIEWS/ PETITIONS/ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN – None

Applicant(s) Ratifications

Ratification of Board Issued Licenses and Registrations LMT’s & RMP’s – September 2021. Motion to accept the entire group of LMT’s & RMP’s as a whole by Kirsten Bodnarchuk; 2nd by Eric Newdom. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0. *Welcome to the State of Maryland!*

New LMT’s

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06251	Smith, Ranecia M.	09/02/2021
M06252	Hurst, Jessica L.	09/14/2021
M06253	Colaco, Donna M.	09/23/2021

Total 3

New RMP’s

License Number	Name	Original License Date
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R03406	Howard, Janille J.	09/03/2021
R03407	Walker, Oyamiwa	09/03/2021
R03408	Wade-Joyner, Jazmine	09/14/2021

Total 3

REVIEW ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN – None

MISCELLANEOUS

Questions submitted by the Public (*Sharon Oliver, Tony DeFranco & Kirsten Bodnarchuk*) – None received as of close of business Tuesday, October 26, 2021.

Next Meeting – November 17, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. – Meeting will be held the 3rd Wednesday due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Open Session Meeting Adjourned – Motion to adjourn Open Session Meeting at 10:54 a.m. by Kirsten Bodnarchuk; 2nd by Diane Jones Richards. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Hayes by SW

Margaret Hayes, Consumer Member
Secretary/Treasurer



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CALL IN PARTICIPANTS

1. Amelia Mitchell, AMTA
2. Chelsea Adams-Cook
3. Robin Anderson
4. Lynne Brummitt
5. Michelle England
6. Heather Kazmark-AMTA