



MARYLAND State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

November 27, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Members Present

Paula K. Jilanis, LMT, Board Chair-TC
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
Adrienne Congo, MS, Deputy Director
Grant Gerber, AAG, Board Counsel
Marc Ware, Investigator III
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist
Kim Lang, MDH
Sabrina Lopez, President AMTA
Amelia Mitchell, AMTA
Martin Chamberlain, ABMP
Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator

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 November 27, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Caitlin Thompson, LMT and Vice Board Chair. Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present; Board Chair Paula Jilanis participated by telephone.

Welcome to New Board Member, Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT - Caitlin Thompson introduced Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT, as the new Board Member. Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT, is originally from Winnipeg, Ontario, Canada. She has been an LMT for 19 years and is the proprietor of Northern Birth Roots Massage.

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

Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for October 23, 2019 – Margaret Hayes motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes; 2nd by David Cox. The motion passed. Board Vote 7/0/0.

Board Chair Reports – Nothing to Report

Board Counsel – Grant Gerber reported that there is currently a Regulatory Freeze in effect. No regulation submissions will be accepted again until February 2020 after the Legislative Session has begun.

Executive Director’s Report -

Staff Training Update– Sharon Oliver reported that staff has completed both Trainings (Sexual Harassment in the Workplace & Intentional Team Building). Staff will reconvene to discuss feedback and application of the skills learned.

Citizen Advocacy Center (CAC) 2019 – The CAC Conference is scheduled for December 10-11, 2019 in Washington, DC. The CAC is not accepting any new memberships. However, the CAC Conference will be offered at a discounted rate. Motion to approve conference expenses for two (2) Board Members to attend the CAC Conference by David Cox; 2nd by Gwenda Harrison. The motion passed. Board Vote 7/0/0.

Marc Ware - Lexis Nexis for Investigators- Lexis Nexis will assist with the investigative process. Motion to accept Marc Ware’s proposal to utilize the database for solely investigative purposes by Gwenda Harrison; 2nd by David Cox. *Board Discussion ensued.* Amended motion to use Lexis Nexis as a database tool by Margaret Hayes. The motion passed. Board Vote 7/0/0.

Committee Reports

Advisory Committee – Caitlin Thompson, LMT, and Chair – Amelia Mitchell of AMTA reported The Rap Back initiative is moving forward. The Establishment Bill is experiencing some obstacles. Amelia Mitchell and Sabrina Lopez met with Delegate Arianna Kelly to discuss sponsoring the Bill.

Licensing Committee – David Cox, LMT, and Chair – Nothing to report.

Petition (s) Applicant (s) Ratifications from October 23, 2019 Closed Session – No public action to report.

New LMT’s

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06104	SATTERWHITE, LYSA H.	10/02/2019
M06105	ENNIS, ELIZABETH N.	10/07/2019
M06106	MCGRATH, JEFFREY T.	10/07/2019
M06107	BEITZEL, DANAE R.	10/02/2019
M06108	SENIZ, ESRA N.	10/08/2019
M06109	HILL, CASEY S.	10/08/2019
M06110	BALLARD, TRESA M.	10/08/2019
M06111	MAUST, DIANNE L.	10/08/2019
M06112	CALHOUN, II, CLINTON E.	10/14/2019

M06113	GRESSER, HANNAH R.	10/14/2019
M06114	REYNOLDS, ALEXIS	10/14/2019
M06115	SANDS, BARBARA D.	10/16/2019
M06116	WILLIAMS, HELEN K.	10/16/2019
M06117	PURSELL, ELIZABETH A.	10/16/2019
M06118	MARTIN, SETH H.	10/08/2019
M06119	VENEY, ROSHELLE M.	10/21/2019
M06120	RENNER, CAITLIN E.	10/24/2019
M06121	BITTINGER, ERIN N.	10/31/2019

New RMP's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
R03167	ALICIA C. HELMS	10/02/2019
R03168	SYPHAX, RYAN C.	10/02/2019
R03169	ZHENG, LI CHENG	10/03/2019
R03170	FUSTE, CHRISTINA H.	10/07/2019
R03171	MADDON, AMANDA L.	10/07/2019
R03172	SHPAK, EVA I.	10/08/2019
R03173	OLATOYE, OYEWUMI E.	10/08/2019
R03174	YEHUALAW, TAMIRU K.	10/08/2019
R03175	MORGAN, LAUREN E.	10/09/2019
R03176	WILLIAMS, DONNA F.	10/14/2019
R03177	BREWER, JAMES S.	10/14/2019
R03178	TUMASELLA, REGINA E.	10/14/2019
R03179	CARTER, CODIE J.	10/18/2019
R03180	BENNETT, DREW E.	10/21/2019
R03181	STARLEPER, AMANDA J.	10/22/2019
R03182	KOOP, JAN PETRUS	10/24/2019
R03183	CEDENO, CHRISTOPHER C.	10/24/2019
R03184	TUCKER, TAKIA D.	10/31/2019

Ratification of Board Issued Licenses and Registrations – David Cox moved to combine all LMT's & RMP's as a group and ratify as new licensees and registrants; 2nd by Gwenda Harrison. 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	2500
Licensed Massage Therapists	Inactive	239
Registered Massage Practitioners	Active	1558
Registered Massage Practitioners	Inactive	86

Next Meeting – December 18, 2019 10:00 A.M., Room 110

Meeting Adjourned & Closed for Proceeding Executive Session – Motion to adjourn Open Session Meeting at 11:30 a.m. by David Cox; 2nd by Kirsten Bodnarchuk. The motion carried. Board Vote 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,



David A. Cox, LMT
Secretary/Treasurer