



## State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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4201 PATTERSON AVENUE • SUITE 301  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

#### Teleconference Call

December 23, 2020, 10:03 a.m. – 11:18 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

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#### Call to Order at 10:03 a.m. by Board Chair

The regularly scheduled Administrative Session meeting of the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners was held via teleconference call on December 23, 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.

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

**Review/Approval of the Amended Open Session Minutes for November 25, 2020** - Paula Jilanis motioned to accept the Amended Open Session Minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Margaret Hayes. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

#### OLD BUSINESS - MATTERS FOR REPORTING

##### BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Caitlin Thompson thanked Board Members and Staff for all of their hard work and participation. The responses of the survey regarding the LMT Single Tier system have been received. Kirsten Bodnarchuk will discuss the results of the survey.

##### BOARD COUNSEL REPORT

Grant Gerber wished everyone a Happy Holiday. Grant Gerber will report under the New Business Matters for Discussion section.



**AMTA Updates-Amelia Mitchell-The Legislative Session begins January 13, 2021.** AMTA has prepared a Bill for the 2021 legislative session. The Bill has a sponsor and proposes changes to language regarding standard precautions, introduces COMTA endorsed/approved curriculum & Rap Back. The term “Massage Parlor” will be replaced with “Massage Business”.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Sharon Oliver wished everyone safe and happy holiday. She reported on the following:

**Renewals Updates as of 12/17/2020**

Category	Total	%
All	2,923 of 4,106	71.19
LMT	1,883 of 2,466	76.36
RMP	1,040 of 1,640	63.41

**Total Revenue - \$725,972.00**

**Staffing Update**

**Introduction of Chiropractic Investigator Ms. T. Nicole Cullins** - Sharon Oliver introduced Ms. T. Nicole Cullins to the Board. Ms. Cullins comes with extensive experience in the regulatory & law enforcement field. Congratulations and welcome Ms. T. Nicole Cullins to the Board Staff!

**Administrator III Position Update** - The interview process has concluded and a candidate has been selected. The new administrator will begin in late January. Thank you to everyone for their patience and support during this process.

**Pearson Vue Update** - Preliminary numbers have been prepared; the initial costs are in the \$100,000 range. The Board cannot make a decision until the financials have been finalized. Sharon Oliver will continue to coordinate efforts.

**JP Exam** - As a result of Governor Hogan’s latest COVID 19 directives, 4201 Patterson building is closed to the public. Therefore, the December 22, 2020 examination was cancelled.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Licensing Committee (LRC)** - Kirsten Bodnarchuk presented the results of the LMT Single-Tier Board Survey. Recommendations will be made at the next Board Meeting. Kirsten Bodnarchuk thanked all of those involved in the process. David Cox thanked Margaret Hayes for her efforts in compiling the survey.

**Bylaws (Margaret Hayes)** - Margaret Hayes presented changes to the language in the Bylaws for compliance & congruency. She thanked the Bylaws Committee, Sharon Oliver & Grant Gerber for their work towards this initiative. The Board approved the recommendations made by the Bylaws Committee.



**NEW BUSINESS- MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION – None**

**BOARD CHAIR REPORT**

**November 17, 2020 MDH Order-Vaccination Administration** - The Massage Board does not take a position on, nor has any influence over the decisions made by the Governor or Secretary's Office regarding the administration of the COVID-19 vaccination. The Board will continue to provide information and updates when available.

**BOARD COUNSEL REPORT**

**Controlled Correspondence-Massage Envy - Request for Clarification "Massage Parlor" and Healthcare Providers** - The Massage Board does not provide advice or clarification regarding the Executive Orders pertaining to Massage Parlor. The term Massage Parlor does not have any relation with regards to the Massage Therapy practice act.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT(S)**

**12-09-2020 Eblast to Massage Profession from the Board** - An email blast was sent out on December 9th stipulating that the Board does not endorse nor take any position regarding vaccination administration by LMTs and RMPs.

**AMTA National's Email to Maryland Massage Professional** - AMTA National disseminated an email to its Maryland members advising there is a likelihood of having issues regarding insurance coverage for those massage professional who choose to administer the COVID-19 vaccine.

**Boards/Commissions Standardize Response to Vaccination Distribution Questions** - The Maryland Department of Health has provided a standard response for Board Office Staff to share with licensees regarding the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccination.

**FSMTB Volunteer Appointment- License Renewal Committee** - Sharon Oliver has been selected and appointed to represent Maryland to serve on the FSMTB License Renewal Committee. All Board Members are encouraged to volunteer. Congratulations to Sharon Oliver!

**2021 Legislative Session Information for Board Members (submitted by Lillian Reese)** - The 2021 Legislative Session begins next month. Board Members are strongly encouraged to consistently check their emails to review and respond quickly to request for Board positions on Bills.

**State Holiday Closings** - Governor Hogan has declared Christmas Eve a State Holiday. The Board Office will be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup> & December 25<sup>th</sup>. The Office will reopen on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.

**INVESTIGATOR'S REPORT** - Nothing to report.



**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**LICENSING COMMITTEE** - Nothing to report.

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - The Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, January 14, 2021.

**DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE CASES** - Nothing to report.

**MATTERS FOR NOTATION**

**Actions from October 28, 2020 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 – November 2020** - Motion to accept the entire group of LMT's & RMP's as a whole by David Cox; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Margaret Hayes. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0. *Welcome to the State of Maryland!*

**New LMT's**

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06190	Sterling, Chrystal D.	11/30/2020

**New RMP's**

License Number	Name	Original License Date
R03288	Pollock, Abigail E.	11/02/2020
R03289	Steinhert, Molly T.	11/02/2020
R03290	Johnson, Ellaina S.	11/09/2020
R03291	Kouadio Abbe, Maman I.	11/09/2020
R03292	Jackson, JaKeisha B.	11/09/2020
R03293	Rill Drechsler, Christy L.	11/09/2020
R03294	Burch-Harney, Lisa M.	11/25/2020
R03295	Ma, Chun Xia	11/25/2020
R03296	Wu, Yan Ying	11/25/2020
R03297	Kapfer, William J.	11/30/2020
R03298	Pedler, Holly J.	11/30/2020



R03299	Yu, Weitao	11/30/2020
R03300	Chen, Wenhong	11/30/2020
R03301	Eaton, Tracey L.	11/30/2020
R03302	Zhang, Xueyan	11/30/2020
R03303	Rivers, Steven	11/30/2020
R03304	Smith, Montesia N.	11/30/2020

**Current Licensure Statistics**

**Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants as of 12/16/2020**

Category	Status	Oct	Nov
License Massage Therapist	Active	2464	2466
License Massage Therapist	Inactive	334	341
Registered Massage Practitioner	Active	1625	1625
Registered Massage Practitioner	Inactive	118	124

**Review Actions to be taken - None**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

As a reminder, if you participated on the Open Session Massage Board Meeting call please email Sharon Oliver at [sharon.oliver@maryland.gov](mailto:sharon.oliver@maryland.gov) or Pamela Alston at [pamela.alston@maryland.gov](mailto:pamela.alston@maryland.gov) to receive your CEU credits.

**Questions submitted by the Public (Caitlin Thompson, Grant Gerber & Sharon Oliver) - None**

**Next Meeting** - January 27, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

**Open Session Meeting Adjourned** - Motion to adjourn Open Session Meeting at 11:18 a.m. by Diane Jones Richards; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Margaret Hayes. The motion carried. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kirsten Bodnarchuk by sjo*

Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT  
Secretary/Treasurer



# STATE OF MARYLAND BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS

**OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING**  
December 23, 2020 – 10:03 A.M. TO 11:18 A.M.

## CALL IN PARTICIPANTS

1. Amelia Mitchell, AMTA
2. Chelsea Adams-Cook
3. Gwenda Harrison
4. Kimberly Link, MDH
5. Teia Pritchett
6. Robin Anderson
7. Terri Jacques
8. Molly Farwell
9. Michelle England
10. Regina Schneider
11. Lynne Brummitt
12. Philomena Queen