

# BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS

*February 22, 2017 – General Session*

## Members Present

David A. Cox, LMT, *Chair*  
Gwenda Harrison, LMT, *Vice Chair*  
Gloria Boddie-Epps, *Secretary/Treasurer*  
Margaret Hayes, *Consumer*  
Paula K. Jilanis, LMT  
J. Paige Szymanski, LMT  
Caitlin M. Thompson, LMT

## Non-Members Present

Laurie Sheffield-James, *Executive Director*  
Adrienne Congo, MS, *Deputy Director*  
Grant D. Gerber, AAG, *Board Counsel*  
Kimberly B. Link, JD, *Compliance Manager*  
Amelia Mitchell, AMTA  
Sabrina Lopez, AMTA

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*Mr. Cox called the meeting to order at 10:10 am.*

**I. Review/Approval of Agenda – *Approved with changes.***

**II. Review/Approval of Minutes from January 25, 2017– *Approved.***

**III. Reports**

A. Executive Director/Deputy Director:

- i. Discussion of HB1471 and HB1474: ***Motion*** to oppose both bills. ***Passed.*** Caitlin Thompson will attend hearing on HB1471 on 3/7/17. David Cox and Gwenda Harrison will attend hearing on HB1474 on 3/8/17.
- ii. Discussion of Howard County bill re: inspection of massage establishments.
- iii. Howard County Taskforce on Human Trafficking invited the Board to have a member sit on the taskforce. Gwenda Harrison will represent the Board.

B. Licensing Committee (Paula Jilanis, Chair):

- Report on topics addressed at the first meeting between the Committee and stakeholders regarding regulations, curriculum, two-tier system, etc.
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**IV. Old Business**

- Discussion regarding allowing CE credit for attendance at board meetings: ***Motion:*** The Board will accept 1 CE credit per Board of Massage Therapy Examiners General Session attended, in its entirety, by a licensee or registrant,

not to exceed 3 meetings per license/registration renewal. *Passed.* Board Counsel to determine if this must be done through the promulgation of regulations.

**VI. New Business** (*Adrienne Congo*): Inquiries from licensees/registrants:

A. Scrubs and wraps – Board discussion and determination that both are within scope of practice (non-legend topical applications).

B. How early may a massage be performed on a pregnant client? - The Board has no policy or guideline regarding massage during pregnancy.

C. Soft cupping – tabled for next month.

**VII. Ratification** of new licensees and registrants- *Approved.*

**VIII. Miscellaneous**

- Speaker: Alan Gallegos, Associate Director – Career and Workforce Education, MHEC re: massage therapy schools at 1pm.

*The General Session adjourned at 11:40 am.*

*Respectfully submitted:*

*Gloria Boddie-Epps, Secretary/Treasurer*