



**MARYLAND State Board of Massage
Therapy Examiners
OPEN SESSION AGENDA (PAGE 1 OF 2)
Wednesday, March 27, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.**

BOMTE MISSION: "The Mission of the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners is to regulate the practice of massage therapy to ensure standards of competency, protect public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Maryland."

Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

Open Session Minutes

March 27, 2019

10:10 a.m. -10:42 a.m.

Members Present

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

Non-Members Present

Adrienne Congo, Acting Exec. Director
Grant Gerber, AAG
Marc Ware, Investigator III
Pamela Alston, Administrative Specialist
Lillian Reese, MDH, Board Staff
Kim Lang, MDH, Board Staff
Sabrina Lopez, AMTA
Michelle England
Kristin Arikun

Call to Order at 10:10 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 March 27, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 10:19 a.m. by *Paula K. Jilanis, LMT and Board Chair*. Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present.

Board Members / Staff / Audience

Board Members and staff were introduced, followed by introductions from the audience.

Review/Approval of Open Session Agenda

The agenda was approved as amended- *Moved by David Cox; 2nd by Gloria Boddie-Epps. All in favor; The motion carried.*

Review/Approval of Open Session Minutes- for February 27, 2019

The Board's Open Session meeting minutes for **February 27, 2019** were approved. *Moved (with changes to page heading) by Margaret Hayes; 2nd by David Cox. All in favor; The motion carried.*

Action Item -

Pearson Vue Update- *Adrienne Congo* reported that she has been in contact with Maryland State Department of General Services. Currently our goal is to streamline this process so that the State of Maryland can approve the Pearson Vue Contract. *Adrienne Congo* stated that there is a possibility of using our Member Organization FSMTB versus going through the State Procurement Department to obtain a discount on their services; however we must work out the legalities. *Adrienne Congo* mentioned that she will have a concrete update at the April 24th Board Meeting. Various other DHMH Boards have been approved to work with the Pearson Vue Testing Entity. **Action Item - *Adrienne Congo* stated that she will reach out to the Educational/Licensing Committee to obtain the list of Boards using FSMTB as their test taking contracted entity.**

School Transcripts - [Point of Reference] The Massage Board Office is still dealing with a myriad of problems with the exculpation of transcripts (*i.e. fraudulent or altered*) during the submission process. *Adrienne Congo* stated that she plans to have an FSMTB Representative to come to a future Board Meeting to explain the MBLEx, the process of invalidation of scores as well as the disciplinary component. Board Members will have the opportunity to ask questions as well as hear about the overall general process. **Action Item - *Adrienne Congo* will have updates regarding when the FSMTB presentation will take place.**

Matters for Reporting - Paula K. Jilanis, LMT, Board Chair

CBD Oil- *Paula Jilanis* reminded the Board that Massage Therapists **can legally** use CBD Oil as long as it's derived from Hemp. CBD Oil derived solely from marijuana is not accepted at this time. Grant Gerber mentioned that the use of Hemp Derived CBD Oil falls under the Massage legal practice of manual techniques regarding the manipulation of soft tissue. *Gwenda Harrison* asked if there would be information for consumers and Massage Therapists regarding CBD Oil posted on the Massage Website. *Paula Jilanis* stated that she will coordinate with *Adrienne* and The IT Department to place the links on the webpage.

Board Counsel - Grant Gerber, AAG- Nothing to Report

Acting Executive Director's Report - Adrienne Congo & Lillian Reese - Legislative Coordinator

Update HB 22 Occupational Licenses or Certificates - Application Determinations & Use of Criminal History - This was passed by the House with Amendments on March 18th. (Heard on March 26 before the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee). *Lillian Reese* reported that The Massage Board sent a letter of opposition regarding this Bill. Eight out of 16 Boards have also opposed this Bill. After seven years you cannot discriminate against a potential applicant based on their criminal, background history; *many Boards took exception to this. The Legislative Session ends April 8th.*

Update HB 974 Licenses or Certificates - Application Determinations & Use of Criminal History - This is **HB 974** pertains to licensees when five years have passed. This is very similar to HB22 which refers to licensees when seven years have passed. After seven years you cannot discriminate against a potential applicant based on their background history. Many Boards felt as though this eliminated their discretionary abilities towards potential applicants and licensees. HB974 also seeks to include a list of convictions that will disqualify an applicant if that conviction applied to them. *Lillian Reese reported that this Bill has not* crossed over into the House. [There is a strong possibility that this Bill may not go through the House and pass].

Update HB 1252 Child Abuse & Neglect – Training of Health Care Professionals – This passed with Amendments on March 18th. There is a Scheduled Hearing on March 28th in Senate Judiciary Proceedings Committee. This HB listed several Boards (not Massage Board as we are not affected).

HB 1386 – Currently in the first phase in the Rules Committee since February. – Senate version **SB852** is similar to **HB 1386**. **SB852** passed on March 14th. A hearing took place on March 26th in the Economic Matters Committee - *Lillian Reese* stated HB1386 is focused on and related to **SB 852 – Occupational Licenses for Veterans, Spouses and Military Persons [by the Department of Labor & Licensing Regulation or DLLR) – SB 852** establishes a period of time where each Unit must approve or disapprove the application for an expedited Temporary license for Military personnel.

Adrienne Congo stated that our current Military Initiative (enacted by former Executive Director Jim Vallone, JD) simply means that **we will not charge an application fee or testing fee for Military applicants**. However we make every effort to expedite Military applications to help facilitate re-entry into the workforce. This Bill wants to give a temporary license to the Military applicants until they receive their actual one; however the Massage board does not give temporary licenses. Temporary Licenses for Military Applicants can prospectively be a service in the near future.

Committee Report (s) –

Advisory Committee – *Caitlin M. Thompson, LMT, Vice Chair*

Update - SB554 – [*Paula Jilanis, Caitlin M. Thompson & Gwenda Harrison attended this Hearing*] Speakers present that were in opposition: Senator Pinsky, Anne Arundel County Police, Maryland Association of Counties, Maryland Association of Police Chiefs and Sheriffs, This Bill was heard in the House on Tuesday, March 26th. Comments from AMBP have been withdrawn but there are currently no objections.

Matters for Notation

Old Business – Adrienne Congo

Non – Renewed Licensees & Registrants - An email blast went out Tuesday, March 26th to all individuals with a **NON RENEWED status** in the database (since October 31, 2018). *Adrienne Congo* reported that she is awaiting those responses from the email blast. The Board Increased the minimum hours to 600 in 2014; however some applicants are accepted on a case by case basis if they do not meet the minimum training requirements.

New Business -

Portfolio Review (25 Years' Experience) - Military Spouse Applicant - Kristen Ariqian - Currently active in Florida & Virginia; also licensed in Indiana. Board Certified with NCMTB; qualifies to become an RMP. *David Cox moves to approve to advance with application process; 2nd by Gwenda Harrison; All in favor; Motion Carries.*

Petition Waiver of the 600 Hours - School is not Nationally Accredited however approved by New Jersey Board of Massage Therapy; Applicant possesses a Bachelor's Degree; however, only qualifies for an RMP status.

Tabled until April 24th Board Meeting to get confirmation from the State.

Petition (s) Applicant - Non - Accredited School -

Tabled until April 24th Board Meeting pending more information.

Ratification of Board Issued Licenses and Registrations - ***Congratulations!***

LMT's and RMP's

Motion to approve all members' applications as a group by David Cox; 2nd by Margaret Hayes; All in favor; The motion carried.

LicNum	Name	OrigLicDate
M06018	Nofer, Teri	01/25/2019
M06019	Hickman, Crystal E.	02/13/2019
M06020	Altberger, Brett D.	02/07/2019
M06021	Raddell, Mary E.	02/07/2019
M06022	King, Amber M.	02/21/2019
M06023	Swain, Hadassah	02/22/2019
M06024	McNeill, Ashley J.	02/25/2019
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COS- RMP Change of Status to LMT

LicNum	Name	OrigLicDate
R03028	Sparrow, Keenen	02/04/2019
R03029	Xiao, Guozhen	02/07/2019
R03030	Zhang, Hongzhi	02/07/2019
R03031	Smith, Lakisha C.	02/07/2019
R03032	Guidotti, Anthony C.	02/15/2019
R03033	Fan, Kevin F.	02/19/2019
R03034	Gilliland, Samantha A.	02/13/2019
R03035	Robinson, Rhonda R.	02/21/2019
R03036	Brown-Hickman, LeAra M.	02/22/2019
R03037	Campbell, Emerald K.	02/22/2019

R03038	Gibson, Patricia C.	02/22/2019
R03039	Park, Chan H.	02/22/2019
R03040	Roberts, Cherise A.	02/22/2019
R03041	Bufano, Julia	02/22/2019
R03042	Marquiss, Eden N.	02/22/2019
R03043	Conquest, Halle A.	02/22/2019
R03044	Cummings, Brenna J.	02/26/2019
END		

Meeting Finalization

Current Licensure Statistics

Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants

Licensed Massage Therapists Active 2398

Licensed Massage Therapists Inactive 1404

Registered Massage Practitioners Active 246

Registered Massage Practitioners Inactive 91

Next Meeting – April 24, 2019 10:00 A.M., Room 110

FYI – CEU Credits

Paula Jilanis reminded all Massage Board Open Session Meeting attendees: Attendees are eligible to receive 1 Hour of CE Credit for their Ethics Requirement; By attending 3 Open Sessions, RMP & LMT's who attend will receive 3 CE Credit Hours.

Meeting Adjourned & Closed for proceeding Executive Session at 10:42 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Cox,

Secretary/Treasurer

With appreciation to Pamela Alston for the Minutes