



# State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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## Open SESSION MINUTES

### Teleconference Call

March 24, 2021, 10:02 a.m. – 11:02 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  
Christopher Hawkins, Licensing Unit Manager  
Grant Gerber, AAG, Board Counsel  
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist  
Marc Ware, Senior Investigator  
T. Nicole Cullings, Board Investigator  
Kimberly Link, MDH Boards Liaison  
Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator

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#### Call to Order at 10:02 a.m. by Board Chair

The regularly scheduled Open Session meeting of the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners was held via teleconference call on March 24, 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.

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

**Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for February 24, 2021** – Diane Jones Richards motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Cox. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

#### OLD BUSINESS - MATTERS FOR REPORTING

##### BOARD CHAIR REPORTS

Caitlin Thompson reminded the Board that we are currently in the Legislative Session.

##### LEGISLATIVE UPDATES (*Sharon Oliver, Lillian Reese & Amelia Mitchell*)

##### 2021 Legislative Bills of Interest-Updates:

- **SB745/HB1039 Massage Therapy Revisions** - Amelia Mitchell reported that due to



opposition from the insurance industry at the last minute, an amendment is necessary to ensure the passage of this Bill. Under the exclusion language in the definition of Massage Therapy, the removal of the word "Treatment" has to be stricken. Also the repeal on the insurance language has to be amended. She thanked Delegate Kelly and AMTA for their support of this Bill. Board Discussion. **(The Board is in Support of this Bill).**

- **SB952 Health Occupations- Internship and Residency Training Requirements-Waiver for Former Service Members Injured in Combat.** Lillian Reese stated that this Bill has not crossed over and it is highly unlikely to do so. **(The Board takes No Position).**
- **HB1006/SB930H Service Members, Veterans, Military Spouses-Temporary Licensure, Certification and Registration-** There are lots of opposition to this Bill. The Legislative Session ends April 12, 2021. Sharon Oliver thanked Lillian Reese for her assistance navigating through this Legislative Session. **(The Board takes No Position).**

**BOARD COUNSEL – Grant Gerber**

Grant Gerber expressed thanks for the great job Amelia Mitchell is doing with the Massage Bill. Caitlin Thompson stated the work on the COMTA Endorsed Curriculum and Rap Back has been a continual effort and is very important for the profession.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Sharon Oliver -** Nothing to report.

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

**Renewals Updates as of 03/16/2021**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>All</b>	3,105 of 4,147	74.87
<b>LMT</b>	1,987 of 2,486	79.93
<b>RMP</b>	1,118 of 1,661	67.31

**Total Revenue - \$771,410.00**

Sharon Oliver announced that Governor Hogan recently issued a new Executive Order which states that all Licenses and Registrations will expire on June 30, 2021. The renewal portal will close on July 1, 2021 at 12:00 a.m. At that point licensees will have to complete a paper reinstatement application and pay the required reinstatement fees.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Advisory Committee – Paula Jilanis -** The Advisory Committee is starting the process for the Concept Paper; look for documents to be uploaded in Google Docs. Updates to follow.

**Navigation Book Committee – Margaret Hayes -** The Navigation Book Committee met for the



third time to work on the contents of the Navigation Handbook which will serve as a Board Operations Manual for Management & Resources for the Board. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 29, 2021. The first draft is anticipated for completion early June.

**Licensing Committee (LRC) – Kirsten Bodnarchuk - RMP to LMT Conversion Recommendations-** Kirsten Bodnarchuk presented recommendations for requirements of a 750 hours massage training program under the single tier system. The recommendations will add accountability & are based on data from MHEC, FSMTB & COMTA. The recommendations will be forwarded to the Advisory Committee for drafting of statute. Board Discussion. The Board accepted all of the above recommendations presented by the LRC Committee.

**NEW BUSINESS- MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

**BOARD CHAIR REPORTS** – Nothing to report.

**BOARD COUNSEL** – Nothing to report.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT(S)** – *Sharon Oliver*

**2020 Financial Disclosure Filings due April 30, 2021** – Board Members are reminded to complete their financial disclosures. Not doing so may affect reappointment to the Board.

**MHEC Letter – Hair Academy Discontinued Massage Therapy Program in March 2021-** For Informational Purposes. The Hair Academy Massage Therapy Training Program has been discontinued. An official letter from MHEC announcing the closure is included in the Board packet.

**FSMTB Secures Assistance to Interstate Compact Study – Possible Implications for MD** – All Board Members should have received the email from FSMTB regarding the funding of this study. This pertains to compact agreements and license portability. Ms. Oliver informed the Board that several Health Boards have compact agreement bills in the current legislative session. This is a trend and this Board will need to look at compact agreements in the near future.

**Ongoing Initiatives to Support Expedited Licensure for Veterans and Military Spouses: Various Bills and Survey** – A survey is being conducted by Penn State University on behalf of the Department of Defense to collect data on licensure portability in various states.

**Current Massage Board Revenue** – Sharon Oliver reported on the current Massage Board revenue. The Board is sitting on a solid base financially to fund operations for the next two years. The current figures are below:

**As of February 28, 2021**

<b>Fund Balance from FY2020:</b>	\$ 201,878.65
<b>Total YTD Revenue:</b>	\$ 845,881.00
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	\$1,047,759.65
<b>Appropriation for 2021:</b>	\$ 561,933.00
<b>YTD Expenditures:</b>	\$ 228,954.12
<b>Available Appropriation Balance:</b>	\$ 332,978.88



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

**Current Licensure Statistics**

**Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants as of 02/17/2021**

Category	Status	Jan	Feb
License Massage Therapist	Active	2480	2486
License Massage Therapist	Inactive	342	343
Registered Massage Practitioner	Active	1656	1682
Registered Massage Practitioner	Inactive	124	125

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Advisory Committee – Nothing to report.**

**Ad-Hoc JP Exam Committee – Paula Jilanis -** The Committee met to review the existing JP exam questions. Additional questions have been added to create a deeper databank. Eric Newdom will evaluate additional exam questions which will be forwarded to David Marks (& possibly FSMTB) for feedback. The next Ad-Hoc meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 5, 2021.

**Licensing Committee – Kirsten Bodnarchuk -** The Board has received several petitions for waivers and to approve educational requirements for Massage school training programs. The debate is whether to approve the individual applicant’s experience or the Massage School Program. The Licensing Committee will review the Massage School List & make recommendations. Board Discussion. The Board is in favor of the Licensing Committee’s recommendation to review each petition and grant a waiver on a case by case basis, depending on the Applicants educational training, experience and completion of advanced CEUs in massage therapy.

**Disciplinary Committee Cases – Nothing to report.**

**MATTERS FOR NOTATION**

**ACTIONS FROM FEBRUARY 24, 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 – February 2021**  
Motion to accept the entire group of LMT’s & RMP’s as a whole by David Cox; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kirsten Bodnarchuk. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0. *Welcome to the State of Maryland!*



**New LMT's**

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06204	McFaul, Olivia P.	02/03/2021
M06206	Caspar, Rachel L.	02/09/2021
M06207	Lambert, Natalie B.	02/09/2021
M06208	Reynolds, Michelle I.	02/10/2021
M06209	Cao, Kewei	02/10/2021
M06210	Harry, Kimmone S.	02/10/2021
M06211	Grosicki, Sandra J.	02/10/2021
M06212	Hunter, Brittany B.	02/10/2021

**Conversion to LMT's**

None

**New RMP's**

License Number	Name	Original License Date
R03318	Fask, Sarah	02/02/2021
R03319	Parks, Rena	02/03/2021
R03320	Kang, Hyunjung	02/03/2021
R03321	Kinsey, Deborah	02/03/2021
R03322	Hendrickson, Brandon, E.	02/03/2021
R03323	Brown, Nijai A.	02/08/2021
R03324	Pietroboni, Soledad R.	02/08/2021
R03325	Azar, Omnia I.	02/09/2021
R03326	Cosby, Zecia A.	02/09/2021
R03327	Patterson, Marcilyn L.	02/09/2021
R03328	Schlueter, Erica K.	02/09/2021
R03329	Zhang, Wen Xia	02/10/2021
R03330	Linton, Briana L.	02/11/2021
R03331	Shuler, Ashley L.	02/17/2021
R03332	Peace, Isis K.	02/22/2021
R03333	Kersey, Anik M.	02/22/2021
R03334	Oliver, Natasha L.	02/22/2021
R03335	Parker, Arek B.	02/24/2021

**REVIEW ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN - None**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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



**Next Meeting – April 28, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.**

**Open Session Meeting Adjourned – Motion to adjourn Open Session Meeting at 11:02 a.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kirsten Bodnarchuk by sjo*

Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT  
Secretary/Treasurer





**STATE OF MARYLAND**  
**BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS**

**OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING**  
**March 24, 2021 – 10:02 A.M. TO 11:02 A.M.**

**CALL IN PARTICIPANTS**

1. Amelia Mitchell, AMTA
2. David Madon, AMTA
3. Chelsea Adams-Cook
4. Gabrielle Ham Jones
5. Lynne Brummitt
6. Mendel Shipmon
7. Sabrina Lopez
8. Shantel Lee
9. Ginnice Williams
10. Philomena Queen
11. Michelle England
12. Leann Irwin