



State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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4201 PATTERSON AVENUE • SUITE 301
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

Open SESSION MINUTES

Teleconference Call

May 26, 2021, 10:02 a.m. – 10:35 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 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, Investigator
Kimberly Link, MDH Boards Liaison
Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator

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 May 26, 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 – David Cox motioned to accept the Amended Open Session Agenda; 2nd by Paula Jilanis. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for April 28, 2021 – David Cox motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes; 2nd by Margaret Hayes. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

OLD BUSINESS - MATTERS FOR REPORTING

BOARD CHAIR REPORTS – Nothing to report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – *Sharon J. Oliver, MBA*

HB 28/SB 5 Public Health – Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities – Regulations Required. Refer to Advisory Committee – The Implicit Bias Training Bill has passed and will take effect in October. This Bill will be referred to the Advisory Committee to incorporate into the Regulations.



Telehealth Regulations to be published in the Maryland Register for Comments – The Secretary has signed off on all Telehealth proposals. Those proposals will be sent to the AELR Committee, then finally to the Maryland Register for public comment. Lillian Reese will apprise the Board of the progress.

FSMTB Compact Kickoff Meeting Update – Sharon Oliver attended the Kickoff Meeting hosted the Department Of Defense. The meeting focused on the study of license portability, and compact agreements between states, for Military spouses and licensees. Board Discussion.

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

License/Registration Renewal Reminder– As a reminder, the deadline to renew all Licenses and Registrations is June 30, 2021. On July 1st at 12:00 a.m., the renewal portal will close. At this time, a paper reinstatement application must be submitted by mail.

As of May 16, 2021

Category	Total	%
All	3,174 of 4,158	76.33
LMT	2,027 of 2,488	81.47
RMP	1,147 of 1,670	68.68

Total Revenue - \$789,082.00

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee – Nothing to report.

Ad-Hoc JP Exam Committee – *Paula Jilanis* – JP Examination questions are almost complete. Paula Jilanis reached out to David Mark and FSMTB for instructional design review feedback.

Licensing Committee – Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS- MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Board Chair Reports – Nothing to report.

Board Counsel –

Executive Director’s Report – *Sharon J. Oliver, MBA*

CLEAR Training- Executive Leadership Program for Regulators via ZOOM 06/11 – 06/25/2021 – Sharon Oliver suggested all Board Members and Senior Staff who are interested to attend. The cost is \$585 per person.

CLEAR Live Virtual Symposium – Regulating in the New Reality, June 15, 2021, All Day (10 a.m. – 4 p.m.) Approval of Staff and Board Member Participation – The Live Virtual



Symposium will focus on regulating the Massage Industry post COVID-19. The cost is \$385 per person. Motion to approve expenditures for 3 Board Members/3 Board Staff to attend the Clear Executive Leadership Training and Live Virtual Symposium by David Cox; 2nd by Margaret Hayes. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

AMTA Annual Convention 2021 – Tampa, Florida – August 26-28th Registration Open.
 Registration is open for the AMTA Annual Convention 2021 in Tampa, Florida. Travel Ban restrictions may be lifted by August 2021. Please contact Sharon Oliver if you are interested in attending.

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

Current Licensure Statistics

Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants as of 04/13/2021

Category	Status	Feb	Mar
License Massage Therapist	Active	2487	2496
License Massage Therapist	Inactive	345	342
Registered Massage Practitioner	Active	1670	1680
Registered Massage Practitioner	Inactive	125	125

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee – Nothing to report.

Licensing Committee – Nothing to report.

ACTIONS FROM MARCH 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 – April 2021
 Motion to accept the entire group of LMT’s & RMP’s as a whole group by David Cox; 2nd 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
M06221	Hardy, Gabrielle	04/05/2021
M06222	Maymon, Whitney C.	04/23/2021

Total 2



RMP to LMT Conversion

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06223	Bowling, Carleah R.	08/27/2020

Total 1

New RMP's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
R03342	Hughes, Sean P.	04/02/2021
R03343	Haverly, Bryan D.	04/02/2021
R03344	Turner, Amar T.	04/02/2021
R03345	Spiliadis, Tali C.	04/05/2021
R03346	Collins, Tamaro K.	04/05/2021
R03347	Spacek, Traci M.	04/06/2021
R03348	McClare, Allison G.	04/19/2021
R03349	Springer, Adelheid	04/29/2021

Total 8

REVIEW ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN – None

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Next Meeting – June 23, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

Open Session Meeting Adjourned – Motion to adjourn Open Session Meeting at 10:35 a.m. by Kirsten Bodnarchuk; 2nd by Diane Jones Richards. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirsten Bodnarchuk by SD

Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT
Secretary/Treasurer



STATE OF MARYLAND
BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING

May 26, 2021 – 10:02 A.M. TO 10:35 A.M.

CALL IN PARTICIPANTS

1. Amelia Mitchell, AMTA
2. Chelsea Adams-Cook
3. Melissa Eppinger
4. Sabrina Lopez
5. Regina Schneider
6. Philomena Queen
7. Gwenda Harrison
8. Michelle England
9. Leann Irwin