



MARYLAND | State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

TELECONFERENCE CALL

JULY 22, 2020, 10:07 A.M. – 11:06 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
Diane Jones Richards, Consumer Member
Margaret Hayes, Consumer Member
Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT, Board Member

Non-Members Present

Sharon J. Oliver, MBA, Executive Director
Adrienne Congo, MS, Deputy Director
Grant Gerber, AAG, Board Counsel
Marc Ware, Senior Investigator
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist
Lillian Reese, Legislative Specialist

*Please see attached list of call in participants

Call to Order at 10:07 a.m. by Board Chair

The regularly scheduled Open Session meeting of the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners was held via teleconference on July 22, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Paula Jilanis, LMT and Board Chair. Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present.

Review/Approval of the Open Session Agenda with additions/amendments – Gwenda Harrison motioned to accept the agenda with additions; 2nd by Diane Jones Richards. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for June 24, 2020 – Kirsten Bodnarchuk motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes; 2nd by David Cox. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

MATTERS FOR REPORTING

BOARD CHAIR REPORTS- PAULA JILANIS

Franchises and School Updates – There are some franchises that are piloting online and remote clinical training school programs. Paula Jilanis emailed AMTA and requested information on these programs. She also suggested looking at the regulations regarding schools and their programs for possible revision.

Zoom – The State has approved the use of Zoom for remote meetings. The cost per month would

be \$14.99. However, the cost will be split if the Chiropractic Board votes to utilize Zoom. Motion by David Cox to approve the utilization of Zoom for remote meetings; 2nd by Gwenda Harrison. The motion passed. Board vote: 7/0/0.

BOARD COUNSEL – Nothing to report

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Inactive Status Change – The Board needs to ensure that licensees have the option to go inactive throughout the year. There is some ambiguity in the regulatory language. The Advisory Committee will take a look at the regulations for necessary revisions.

Statue updates for the coming year – The Advisory Committee will review the statues for necessary revisions.

Pre Concept Paper submitted – The Board submitted a concept paper in May to clean up the language for the definition of Massage Therapy. The Concept Paper also reintroduced the Rap Back Bill and repealed the provision that allows insurance companies not to pay massage therapists for services performed. There are additional changes to several sections for the statute. Kirsten Bodnarchuk motioned to approve changes to the Bill as submitted; 2nd by David Cox. The motion passed. Board vote: 7/0/0.

Staff – Marc Ware has been promoted to the Senior Investigator position. The Board will be seeking a candidate to fill Marc’s former position. The Licensing Coordinator position has been vetted and the new Licensing Coordinator will begin in late August. Congratulations to Marc Ware!

JP Exam – The Board is looking at 4201 Patterson Avenue and several external locations to administer the Jurisprudence (JP) examinations. The Executive Director is coordinating with the Building Manager to ensure proper protocols are in place for sanitization and safe social distancing.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee (Margaret Hayes, Nominating Chair & Sharon Oliver) – Margaret Hayes announced the slate of officers for the 2020-2022 Executive Committee: Chair, Caitlin Thompson; Vice Chair, Paula Jilanis; & Secretary/Treasurer, Kirsten Bodnarchuk. Voting will occur in the September Board Meeting. Margaret Hayes thanked Sharon Oliver and everyone involved in the nomination process.

Advisory Committee

Proposed Statue & COMTA Endorsed Curriculum – Caitlin Thompson reported that the Advisory Committee is seeking a recommendation from the Licensing Committee to the full Board for the following: (1) Appropriate LMT qualification criteria for new applicants, (2) Appropriate criteria for existing RMPs to transition to LMT, and (3) The feasibility of mandating

COMTA approval for Maryland Schools. The next Forum meeting will take place on Monday, August 10th at 10:00 a.m.

Licensing Committee

CEU Approval and Two (2) Petition Reviews – David Cox reported that the Licensing Committee approved a course, “Cervical Spine Pain and Dysfunction” presented by David Berain, for advanced massage therapy. Two (2) petition cases were reviewed. However, more information is required to make a decision. The Licensing Committee plans to meet within the next few weeks to discuss the new LMT requirements.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Per Diem Increase for Board Chair – Margaret Hayes reported that an Ad Hoc Per Diem Committee was formed to discuss a per diem increase for the Board Chair, and to update the per diem policy. Paula Jilanis requested tabling the vote on the Per Diem Policy to the next Board meeting to enable Board members to thoroughly review the recommended policy. Margaret Hayes announced that the per diem increase will be considered next fiscal year ('22). Margaret Hayes thanked the committee for their hard work.

August 2020 Board Meeting – Paula Jilanis announced there will be a meeting in August 2020.

MATTERS FOR NOTATION

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

Petition Applicant(s) Ratifications from June 24, 2020 Administrative Session - None

Ratification of Board Issued License and Registrations – LMT’s & RMP’s June 2020

New LMT

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06165	Daprena Boyd	06/23/2020

New RMP

License Number	Name	Original License Date
R03251	Keyonna Shante Neal	06/15/2020

Motion to accept new licensees by David Cox; 2nd by Margaret Hayes. The motion carried. Board Vote: 7/0/0. Congratulations to the licensees and welcome to the State of Maryland!

Current Licensure Statistics

Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants

Licensed Massage Therapists	Active	2536
Licensed Massage Therapists	Inactive	238
Registered Massage Practitioners	Active	1609
Registered Massage Practitioners	Inactive	85

REVIEW ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN – None

Miscellaneous

Questions from Public (Paula Jilanis)

“Will the Board allow or consider the carryover of CEU’s to 2022?” – The Board voted at the June meeting that the decision to carryover CEU’s would be addressed by the sitting board at that time.

Next Meeting – August 26, 2020 at 10:00 A.M., Room 110 or Teleconference Call

Meeting Adjourned & Closed for Proceeding to Administrative Session – Motion to adjourn Open Session Meeting at 11:06 a.m. by Margaret Hayes; 2nd by Gwenda Harrison. The motion carried.
Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,



David A. Cox, LMT
Secretary/Treasurer