



## State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

#### Teleconference Call

July 28, 2021, 10:05 a.m. – 10:51 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  
Brett Felter, AAG, Board Counsel  
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist  
Marc Ware, Senior Investigator  
Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator  
Kimberly Link, MDH Boards Liaison  
T. Nicole Cullings, Investigator

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#### Call to Order at 10:05 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 July 28, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 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** – Kirsten Bodnarchuk motioned to accept the Open Session Agenda; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Margaret Hayes. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

**Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for June 23, 2021** – Kirsten Bodnarchuk 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

**Delegate to the FSMTB Annual Conference** – The FSMTB Annual Conference will be held in October. Kirsten Bodnarchuk will attend as Delegate. The Governor's travel ban is still in effect, however, the FSMTB will cover the expenses of the attending Delegate.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – Nothing to report.



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

**License/Registration Renewal Reminder** – Renewal season is complete. A paper reinstatement with fees must be submitted. Contact the Board if you have any questions.

**Renewal Update as of June 30, 2021:**

Category	Total	%
All	3,363 of 4,195	90.02
LMT	2,363 of 2,482	95.21
RMP	1,390 of 1,687	82.39

**Total Revenue - \$930,842.00**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Advisory Committee** – Nothing to report.

**Ad-Hoc JP Exam Committee** – *Paula Jilanis, LMT*

A special thank you to Margaret Hayes and Eric Newdom for their hard work. The JP Exam questions have been submitted to David Mark for review.

**Licensing Committee** – Nothing to report.

**Nominations Committee** – *Diane Jones Richards*

The nomination process has begun. The slate of officers will be presented at the next board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS – MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Board Chair Reports**– Nothing to report.

**Board Counsel**– Nothing to report.

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

**Apprenticeship Program, Eblast** – An Eblast was disseminated regarding apprenticeship programs. This information is listed on the Massage Board’s website. Brett Felter stated the Board accepts structured hands-on training and education from accredited Massage school programs.

**FSMTB Email – Fraudulent Massage School Human Trafficking-Informational Only** –The FSMTB distributed an email with information on a USA Today article on fraudulent massage



schools and human trafficking. The Board is taking every action to screen out fraudulent transcripts. We will continue to work with local law enforcement to ensure the safety of the public.

**FSMTB Board of Directors Position Available** – The FSMTB is looking for individuals to serve on the Board Directors. There is also an opportunity for a consumer member to serve on the Board of Directors. The deadline for applications is August 23, 2021. If you have any questions/if you are interested, please contact Sharon Oliver.

**YTD Revenue Report as of June 30, 2021** – The Board has sufficient funds to continue operating. The current revenue total for the Board is \$1,057,867. This includes revenue from all sources including renewals, penalties, late fees, verifications, JP Examinations and roster requests. There is a total of \$641,000 in allocated expenditures.

**LICENSING UNIT MANAGER’S REPORT** – *Christopher Hawkins, Sr.*  
Thank you to the entire team for their hard work during this extended, 10-month renewal season!  
**Current Licensure Statistics**

**Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants as of 07/15/2021**

Category	Status	May	June
License Massage Therapist	Active	2501	2204
License Massage Therapist	Inactive	345	258
Registered Massage Practitioner	Active	1691	1445
Registered Massage Practitioner	Inactive	125	92

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Advisory Committee** – (*Paula Jilanis, LMT*)

Massage Bill – Board Discussion. Motion to accept the recommendations of the Advisory Committee to accept Option 1.

Regulation Changes – Board Discussion. Motion to accept the recommendations of the Advisory Committee to edit & change the Regulations.

The Board is in favor of the above recommendations by the Advisory Committee.

**Licensing Committee** – Nothing to report.

**ACTIONS FROM JUNE 23, 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 – June 2021**  
 Motion to accept the entire group of LMT's & RMP's as a whole group by David Cox; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Newdom. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0. *Welcome to the State of Maryland!*

**New LMT's**

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06227	Baasch, Catherine A.	06/03/2021
M06228	Arnold, Stephen E.	06/03/2021
M06229	Goldberg, Randall M.	06/03/2021
M06230	Taylor, Rachel A.	06/04/2021
M06231	Bernechea, Justo M.	06/04/2021
M06232	Paul, Jushua A.	06/08/2021
M06235	Gournelos, Elena C.	06/28/2021

**Total 7**

**RMP to LMT Conversion**

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06234	Nelson, Amanda M.	04/03/2006

**Total 1**

**New RMP's**

License Number	Name	Original License Date
R03361	Kim, Pimmada W.	06/03/2021
R03362	Mitchell, Megan R.	06/04/2021
R03363	Obando, Astrid E.	06/04/2021
R03364	Schenk, Pfeiffer N.	06/04/2021
R03365	Lu, Wan	06/04/2021
R03366	Tan, Junlan	06/04/2021
R03367	Tiehel, Drew A.	06/07/2021
R03368	Stanley, Elambra S.	06/07/2021
R03369	Kawase, Yoko	06/09/2021
R03370	Underdue, Asiah	06/09/2021
R03371	Redmond, Johnathon P.	06/25/2021
R03372	Griggs, Nyreshia L.	06/25/2021
R03373	Oo, Aung T.	06/28/2021
R03374	Wafer-Alonge, Zelda N.	06/28/2021
R03375	Hoffman, Avery B.	06/28/2021



R03376	McCrae, Lynton M.	06/28/2021
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**Total 16**

**REVIEW ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN – None**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Questions submitted by the Public** (*Sharon Oliver & Kirsten Bodnarchuk*) – None

**Next Meeting – September 22, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.**

**Open Session Meeting Adjourned** – Motion to adjourn Open Session Meeting at 10:51 a.m. by Kirsten Bodnarchuk; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**  
July 28, 2021 – 10:05 A.M. TO 10:51 A.M.

**CALL IN PARTICIPANTS**

1. Amelia Mitchell, AMTA
2. Sabrina Lopez
3. Philomena Queen
4. Michelle England
5. Robin Anderson
6. Bryan Inman
7. Stephanie Allred
8. Jeff McGrath
9. Mary Harp