



State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Teleconference Call

August 25, 2021, 10:03 a.m. – 10:30 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
Tony DeFranco, 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

Call to Order at 10:03 a.m. by Board Chair

The Open Session meeting of the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners was held via teleconference call on August 25, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Board Chair Caitlin M. Thompson, LMT. Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present.

Review/Approval of the 8/25/21 Open Session Agenda – David Cox motioned to accept the Open Session Agenda; 2nd by Margaret Hayes. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

OLD BUSINESS

BOARD CHAIR REPORT(S) – CAITLIN THOMPSON, LMT

2022 Massage Bill Update

The Executive Committee met last week and decided to clarify some of the language regarding “treatment” in the Massage Bill. This regulatory change will reflect also in the scope of practice. For clarity and strength, the recommendation of the Executive Committee is to (1) delete the proposed change from the Bill (pg. 2) & (2) create a separate bill to accommodate the term “*or treatment.*” Board Discussion. The recommendation of the Executive Committee is to remove the deletion “*or treatment*” from the Massage Bill. All in favor of the above recommendation by the Executive Committee. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.



The Board discussed whether or not to bifurcate this section and place on a separate Bill. David Cox and Lillian Reese suggested obtaining support from other Boards to mitigate controversy. Board Discussion. The recommendation of the Executive Committee is to have a separate Bill to deal specifically with the proposed change with regards to “*or treatment*” for this legislative session. The motion failed. Board Vote: 3/4/0. This recommendation will be sent back to the Advisory Committee.

NEW BUSINESS- MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD COUNSEL

Caitlin Thompson & Sharon Oliver introduced Tony DeFranco to the Board. Tony DeFranco has worked for several of MDH Boards. Mr. DeFranco brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to the Massage Board. Welcome Tony DeFranco!

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

Open Session Meeting Adjourned – Motion to adjourn Open Session Meeting at 10:30 a.m. by Eric Newdom; 2nd by David Cox. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirsten Bodnarchuk by ssv
Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT
Secretary/Treasurer



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CALL IN PARTICIPANTS

1. Amelia Mitchell, AMTA
2. Chelsea Adams-Cook