

Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

General Session

September 26, 2018

Members Present

David Cox, LMT, *Board Chair*
Gwenda Harrison, LMT, *Vice Chair*
Gloria Boddie-Epps, CBM, *Secretary/Treasurer*
Margaret Hayes, *Consumer Member*
Paula Jilanis, LMT, *Board Member*
Caitlin Thompson, LMT, *Consumer member*
J. Paige Szymanski, LMT, *Board Member*

Non-Members Present

Adrienne Congo, MS, *Acting Exec. Director*
Grant D. Gerber, AAG, *Board Counsel*
David Ford, *Investigator Board Staff*
Serita Anderson, *Admin. Specialist Board Staff*
Pamela Alston, *Admin. Specialist Board Staff*
Damien Archembeau-CMSM
Athena Boyd-CMSM
Robin Anderson-CCBC
Kim Lang-MDH
(Maryland Department of Health)
Lillian Reese-Legislations & Regs. *Coordinator*
Regina Schneider
Michelle Krause-ABWA
Lorraine Farley
Sabrina Lopez-ATMA
Tara McMang-CSM

I. Call to order- *David Cox, LMT, and Chair- called the meeting to order at 10:13am.*

II. Roll Call- *All present*

III. Review/Approval of Agenda –*Approved with corrections and additions, passed.*

Motion to move by Margaret Hayes; 2nd by Gwenda Harrison; Passed.

IV. Review/Approval Minutes from July 25, 2018 –*Motion to approve minutes by Caitlin Thompson; 2nd by Gwenda Harrison; Passed.*

V. Reports

A. **Regulatory Proposed Action on Regulations-** Title 10 Subtitle 65 Chapter 01 Regulation (.06, .07, and .16) (Licensing and Advisory Committee)

Paula Jilanis reports the following changes: (Regs tabled in July)-

1. *Include submission of a completed background check*
2. *Satisfactory completing either Associates Degree or 600 hours changed to “Must have graduated with at least 600 hours”*
3. *Pathology and research added under “Education”*
4. *For RMP’s seeking to become LMT’s... 24 credit hours or 360 contact hours..... “For the purpose of status change” regarding 360 hours of credit change (must be pre-approved by board before they can be taken for advancement).*
5. *Explanation given of what it means to have a “Board approved program”*

Motion to move by Gwenda Harrison; 2nd by Paige Szymanski; Passed.

Rap backs-(Adrienne Congo) Adrienne Congo explains this is an FBI program to which individuals who have previously been fingerprinted would be monitored and the Board would be updated. [This is an ongoing monitoring system of someone's criminal history background]. Maryland Department of Health -MDH is in the process of obtaining this program. Since the Board currently cannot submit anymore proposals for this program, AMTA has been asked to sponsor this program (to go through legislature) to facilitate the process of running background checks on prospective licensees and existing persons. This would eliminate bi-yearly background check along during renewals. This program would serve existing licensees and serves to protect the public. (Seeking to begin this program in 2019).

B. Chair

Personnel-(David A. Cox) –thanked Adrienne Congo for her role as Acting Executive Director in Laurie Sheffield-James absence.

Meeting with Secretary Neall-David Cox discussed his meeting with the Secretary on September 4, 2018. Discussed topics such as ethics and automation.

C. Committee(s)

❖ **Election Committee Instructions & Election-** (Margaret Hayes, Chair)
Open floor votes are taken from Board Members. (Votes are collected and tallied by Adrienne Congo).

***Election Results:**

- **Board Chair-** Paula Jilanis
- **Vice Chair-** Caitlin Thompson
- **Secretary/Treasurer-**David Cox

*Congratulations! *New board positions will begin next board meeting October 24, 2018.
(Remarks & thank you for the call to serve as Board Vice-Chair from Gwenda Harrison, LMT)*

❖ Paula Jilanis will give an update on the status (of having an online) JP Exam at next month's board meeting

D. Acting Executive Director (Adrienne Congo)

- **Personnel-**Introduction of new Administrative Specialist, Pamela Alston and hired a new Investigator, (Mr. Marc Ware) who will begin October 10, 2018.
- **Renewal Update** -784 licensees have renewed since registration opened August 20, 2018- (520 LMT's; 264 RMP's have renewed) registrations are currently at 19% complete.
 - **Website Accessibility-**working on updates; making site more user friendly

- **Frequently Asked Questions & Resource Page**
- **Governor's Appointments Office & MDH-sent out to licensees**
(LMT's only) what the process entails to become a Board Member.

E. Board Counsel-Nothing to Report

VI. New Business –Paula will assign new committees and chairs

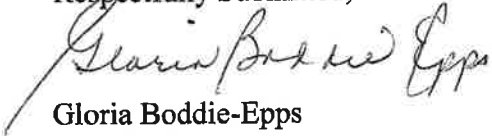
VII. Old Business: Nothing to report

VIII. Ratification of New Licensees & Registrants (July 2018 + August 2018)

*Margaret Hayes moved to accept motion; Paula Jilanis 2nd the motion
Congratulations to the new licensees!*

*Margaret Hayes motion to close general session; Gloria Boddie-Epps 2nd this motion.
General Session adjourned at 11:15am; we will be moving to the Executive Session after a brief break.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Gloria Boddie-Epps
Secretary/Treasurer