



MARYLAND State Board of Massage
Therapy Examiners
METRO EXECUTIVE BUILDING
4201 PATTERSON AVENUE • SUITE 301
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

December 18, 2019, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Members Present

Paula K. Jilanis, LMT, Board Chair-TC
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-AB
Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT, Board Member

Non-Members Present

Sharon J. Oliver, MBA, Executive Director
Adrienne Congo, MS, Deputy Director
Rhonda Edwards, AAG, Board Counsel
Marc Ware, Investigator III
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist
Kim Lang, MDH
Ineta M. Brady, MPU
Amelia Mitchell, AMTA
Martin Chamberlain, ABMP
Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator

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

The regularly scheduled Open Session meeting of the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners was held at the Metro Executive Building, Conference Room 110, on December 18, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Caitlin Thompson, LMT and Vice Board Chair. Roll call was taken. Board Chair Paula Jilanis participated by telephone. Consumer Board Member Margaret Hayes was absent.

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

Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for November 27, 2019 – David Cox motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes; 2nd by Kirsten Bodnarchuk. The motion passed. Board Vote 7/0/0.

Board Chair Reports – Sharon Oliver and Paula Jilanis are scheduled to attend the FARB 44th Annual Forum in Colorado Springs, January 23th -26th, 2020 and the AMTA 2020 School Summit in Hollywood, CA, February 13th -14th, 2020.

Board Counsel – Nothing to report

Executive Director's Report –

Staff Vacancy Update– Ms. Oliver has received a list of prospective applicants for the Massage Licensing Coordinator Position. Applications will be vetted and invitations will be sent for interviews.

Letter from MHEC – The office received notification regarding Central Maryland School of Massage's compliance with regulatory requirements related to closure, relinquishing all students' records and revocation of Certificate of Approval, effective September 13, 2019.

FSMTB Save the Date Reminder – 2020 Annual Meeting October 15 -17, 2020 in Chicago, Illinois – Board Members who would like to attend will be selected in the coming months.

Deputy Executive Director's Report –

Scope of Practice Compliance Question – Body Wrapping –Adrienne Congo received an email inquiry from a Massage Therapist regarding Body Wrapping and Massage. To ensure Body Wrapping is within the Scope of Practice for Massage Therapists, recommendation per Board Counsel is to follow up with the Cosmetology Board.

Committee Reports -

Advisory Committee – *Caitlin Thompson, LMT, and Chair* – Amelia Mitchell of AMTA reported The Rap Back initiative is moving forward progressively and has been pre-filed. The Establishment Bill language has been rewritten to include Massage & Spa Therapy jargon excepting references to healthcare facilities. Amelia Mitchell met with Lobbyists to formulate ideas to materialize the Establishment Bill. Amelia stated that she will continue to apprise the Board regarding the progress of the Bill.

Licensing Committee – *David Cox, LMT, and Chair* –

Updates: From the FSMTB Board Meeting in Arlington, Virginia - The State of California is going through a Sunset Review of Legislation for over 40,000 Certified Massage Therapists.

Representatives from three Massage Therapy Businesses: Hand and Stone, Massage Heights and Elements gave an informative presentation at the Board Meeting. Additionally, these entities have formed a consortium. The consortium is to guarantee ethical compliance, enforce disciplinary action and facilitate communication between Massage franchisees and their employees.

Matters for Notation - Unfinished Business –

F.Y.I. - The Bylaws are scheduled to be reviewed in January 2020.

New LMT's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06122	SCOMBORDI, DIANE C.	11/06/2019
M06123	PETERSON, JOANNA R.	11/06/2019
M06124	KNOTT, KRYSTAL M.	11/07/2019
M06125	SEITER, LIANN N.	11/07/2019
M06126	MARSHALL, TYESHA R.	11/12/2019
M06128	BROWN, REBECCA L.	11/13/2019
M06129	FUENTES, LILIANA	11/18/2019
M06130	HOOVER, SHELBY B.	11/19/2019
M06131	PATTERSON, MICHAEL S.	11/21/2019
M06132	THOMPSON, WHITNEY ANN	11/12/2019

New RMP's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
R03185	BORIS, HEATHER M.	11/05/2019
R03186	BEARD, VICTORIA O.	11/06/2019
R03187	WEBER, URS K.	11/06/2019
R03188	FORD, TAMELA A.	11/06/2019
R03189	MCCARTHY, MARIA	11/07/2019
R03190	DEXTER-THORNTON, EMILY P.	11/07/2019
R03191	LEITH, SAMANTHA J.	11/07/2019
R03192	VILAGOMEZ, OSVALDO A.	11/12/2019
R03193	O'REILLY, LISA M.	11/12/2019
R03194	CHAILLOU, TESS	11/12/2019
R03195	PALMBOS, STEPHEN J.	11/12/2019
R03196	PICKERAL, KIATA R.	11/13/2019
R03197	STEWART, JOSHUA W.	11/13/2019
R03198	EYLER-CEARBAUGH, JUSTINE S.	10/21/2019
R03199	NESBITT, MYESHA K.	10/22/2019
R03200	EKHAIFO, BENJAMIN O.	10/24/2019
R03201	GEE, NICHELLE J.	10/24/2019
R03202	REED, EBONI L.	11/18/2019
R03203	REDMOND, ERIKA J.	11/18/2019
R03204	SILVER, SUSAN E.	11/19/2019
R03205	GRAVES, JR. EDWARD	11/19/2019

Ratification of Board Issued Licenses and Registrations – David Cox moved to combine all

LMT's & RMP's as a group and ratify as new licensees; 2nd by Gwenda Harrison; The motion passed. Board Vote 7/0/0. *Welcome to the State of Maryland!*

Current Licensure Statistics

Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants

Licensed Massage Therapists	Active	2503
Licensed Massage Therapists	Inactive	238
Registered Massage Practitioners	Active	1569
Registered Massage Practitioners	Inactive	86

Miscellaneous:

CAC Conference Report by Caitlin Thompson- Caitlin Thompson attended the Citizen's Advocacy Center (CAC) Annual Conference on December 10 -11, 2019 in Washington, D.C. Representatives in attendance included: The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), The Brookings Institute & the Nursing and Physician's Board. Themes discussed: The Importance of Consumer Board Members in an Anti-Monopoly Environment, Maintaining Safety Measures, Expungement & Early Determination Review (with regards to those with criminal backgrounds); White House Report on facilitating Massage Licensure; Anti-extraneous licensure for Massage Therapy Practice across the States. For more information regarding the CAC and to review the presentations, please visit the website at www.cacenter.org.

Maryland Labor Trafficking Symposium sponsored by the University of Maryland (UMD) Safe Center for Human Trafficking Survivors & Prince George's County Human Trafficking Task Force – Wednesday, January 29, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Key Note Speaker: Attorney General Brian Frosh. The Symposium will be held at the Stamp Student Union at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland. This event is free and open to the public.

Next Meeting – January 22, 2020 10:00 a. m., Room 110

Meeting Adjourned & Closed for Proceeding Executive Session – Motion to adjourn Open Session Meeting at 11:30 a.m. by David Cox; 2nd by Kirsten Bodnarchuk. The motion carried. Board Vote 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,



David A. Cox, LMT
Secretary/Treasurer