

Date: 4/8/2024

Stephen Conti, LMT
Board Chair
Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners
4201 Patterson Avenue, Suite 302
Baltimore, MD 21215

Re: Surrender of Registration to Practice as a Registered Massage Practitioner
Hyunjung Kang
Case Number: 23-18M

Dear Mr. Conti,

I agree to **VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER** my registration to practice as a registered massage practitioner in the State of Maryland, registration number R03320, to the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners (the "Board"). I understand that I may not practice as a registered massage practitioner, with or without compensation, as it is defined in the Maryland Massage Therapy Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. ("HO") § 6-101 *et seq.* and the Board's regulations, COMAR 10.65.01 *et seq.* In other words, as of the effective date of this Letter of Surrender, I understand that I am in the same position as an individual who is not licensed to practice as a registered massage practitioner. I understand that this Letter of Surrender shall become a **PUBLIC** document and shall become effective on the date of the Board's acceptance of this Letter of Surrender. I agree that this letter may be release or published by the Board as a final decision and order under the Public Information Act, Md. Code Ann., General Provisions §§ 4-101 *et seq.*

On or about May 9, 2023, the Board received a letter from the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB), regarding actions taken by the organization to invalidate the national Massage Board Licensing Examination (MBLEx) scores of several individuals. According to the letter, the Florida Board of Massage Therapy rescinded the approval of World Beauty Academy. As a result of this action, education from this institution does not meet the educational requirements for taking the MBLEx or recognition of a past MBLEx result. As a part of World Beauty Academy's closure, it provided FSMTB with a comprehensive student roster of all individuals while it was in operation, however certain individuals, including me, were identified subsequently and were not listed on the roster. Those individuals, including me, had their MBLEx result invalidated and were suspended from access to the MBLEx for a period of twelve (12) months. Based upon this letter, the Board conducted an investigation of my practice and it revealed that I attended the World Beauty Academy in Florida and that my MBLEx passing score from September 16, 2020 was invalidated. As a result of the MBLEx invalidation, I do not qualify for registration as a registered massage practitioner.

On September 17, 2024, I submitted an Application For Renewal of: Registered Massage Practitioner (RMP). The Application required me to "certify that I have personally

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reviewed all responses to the items in this application and that the information I have given is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.” It also stated that providing false information could result in the denial of my application.” I answered “No” in response to Question 3 of Part 2 of the Application that asked, “Has any licensing or disciplinary board in any jurisdiction (including Maryland), a comparable body in the armed services or the Veterans Administration, filed any complaints or charges against you or investigated you for any reason?” My answer was incorrect, as the Board had filed charges against me on March 29, 2024, and the charges were pending at the time of my application.

If I decide to apply for reinstatement as a registered massage practitioner in Maryland, I will approach the Board in the same posture as an unlicensed individual whose license has been revoked. In considering my application for reinstatement, the Board may review my entire Board file, including any information the Board receives after the execution of this letter. I understand that it will be my burden, as an applicant for reinstatement, to demonstrate that I meet all of the Board’s requirements for reinstatement of my license at the time I submit a reinstatement application. I understand that if the Board reinstates my license, it will be reinstated through the Board’s disciplinary process and that my license will only be reinstated by the Board’s issuance of a public order of reinstatement and that the Board may, in its discretion, place my reinstated license on probation subject to terms and conditions.

I acknowledge that upon the execution of this Letter of Surrender, I shall surrender to the Board any indicia of Maryland registration that is in my possession, including my Maryland registration to practice as a registered massage practitioner, number R03320, and any wall certificate. I understand that the Board will advise the National Practitioner Data Bank of this Letter of Surrender, and in any response to an inquiry, that I have surrendered my registration in lieu of potential disciplinary action under the Act that the Board may institute. I also understand that in the event I should apply for licensure or registration in any form in any other state or jurisdiction, this Letter of Surrender, and all underlying documents, may be released or published by the Board to the same extent as a final order that would result from disciplinary action pursuant to Md. Code Ann., General Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.*

I wish to make it clear that I have voluntarily, knowingly, and freely chosen to submit this Letter of Surrender. I understand that, by executing this Letter of Surrender, I am waiving the right, now and in the future to any evidentiary hearing at which I would have the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, to contest the facts summarized in the second paragraph of this Letter of Surrender and at which I would have the right to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law, including the right to appeal.

I acknowledge that I may not rescind this Letter of Surrender in part or in its entirety for any reason whatsoever. I understand the nature and effect of both the Board’s actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. Finally, I wish to make clear that I have had an

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opportunity to discuss this matter with legal counsel and I willingly, knowingly, and voluntarily sign this Letter of Surrender.

Sincerely,

Hyunjung Kang
Hyunjung Kang

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Date

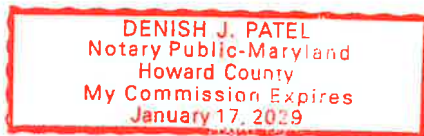
NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Howard

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 8th day of April, 2025 before me, a Notary Public of the City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Hyunjung Kang and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that the signing of this Letter of Surrender was voluntary.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial seal.



[Signature]
Notary Public

My commission expires: Jan, 17, 2029.

ACCEPTANCE

On behalf of the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners, on this 28th day of MAY, 2025, I, accept the **Hyunjung Kang's** public Letter of Surrender of her registration to practice as a registered massage practitioner in the State of Maryland.

Sharon Oliver
Sharon J. Oliver, Executive Director
Maryland State Board of
Massage Therapy Examiners