



## State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

METRO EXECUTIVE BUILDING  
4201 PATTERSON AVENUE • SUITE 301  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

**VIRTUAL**

**March 26, 2025 – 10:01 a.m. to 10:12 a.m.**

#### **Members Present**

Stephen M. Conti, LMT, Board Chair  
Sabrina Lopez, LMT, Vice Chair  
Eduardo Souza, LMT, Secretary/Treasurer  
Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT, Board Member  
Rebakah Jones, LMT, Board Member  
Margaret Hayes, MS, Consumer Board  
Ismael V. Canales, Consumer Board Member

#### **Non-Members Present**

Sharon Oliver, MBA, Executive Director  
Tony DeFranco, AAG, Board Counsel  
Charlene Faison, MFA, Licensing Unit Manager  
Corinne Leith, Massage Licensing Coordinator  
Clarine Henderson, Investigator Supervisor  
Kimmya Crawford, Investigator  
Pamela Alston, Admin Specialist  
Nathan Mitchell, IT Programmer

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#### **Call to Order at 10:01 a.m. by Board Chair**

On March 26, 2025, the Open Session of the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners was held virtually. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Board Chair Stephen M. Conti, LMT. Roll call was taken, and all Board Members and Staff were present.

**Review/Approval of the Open Session Agenda** – Kirsten Bodnarchuk motioned to accept the Open Session Agenda; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ismael Canales. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

**Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for February 26, 2025** – Kirsten Bodnarchuk motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes for February 26, 2025; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sabrina Lopez. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

**Board Chair's Report(s)** – (*Stephen M. Conti, LMT*) – No report.

**Executive Director's Report** – (*Sharon J. Oliver, MBA*)

**YTD Financial Position** – The total allocation for FY2025 is \$929,002.00. The year-to-date expense total is \$477,644.51. The remaining fund allocation for FY2025 is \$451,357.49.

**2024 Financial Disclosure Filing due April 30, 2025** – Board Members were reminded to complete their financial disclosure filing for 2024 by April 30, 2025.

**FSMTB 2025 Annual Meeting October 5-7, 2025, Kansas City** – To celebrate of its 20 years of service to the massage therapy regulatory community, the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards (FSMTB) will sponsor two individuals to attend the Annual Meeting to be held in Kansas City in October 2025. This allows for the delegate and alternative delegative to attend at no cost to the Board.

**Licensing Unit Report** – *(Charlene Faison, MFA)*

### **Current Licensing Information**

#### **Active Licensees / Registrants as of March 16, 2025**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Prior Period Reporting</b>	<b>Current Period Reporting</b>	<b>Change</b>
Licensed Massage Therapist	Active	2,258	2,284	+26
Licensed Massage Therapist	Inactive	209	208	-1
Registered Massage Practitioner	Active	1,167	1165	-2
Registered Massage Practitioner	Inactive	104	103	-1

### **Committee Reports**

**Advisory Committee** – *(Sabrina Lopez, LMT)*

### **Legislative Bills of Interest**

#### **SB217(HB256) Health Occupations Boards – Membership Alteration and Sunset Extensions**

The bills passed in their respective chambers and passed second reading in the opposite chamber. The bills extend the Massage Board's termination date by five years and adds one Licensed Massage Therapist and one Consumer Member.

**CEU Committee** – *(Stephen M. Conti, LMT)*

**Immaculate Dissection 1: Core Concepts** – Submitted by Susan Phillips, LMT, for 15 CEUs – The Board voted to approve this course. Board vote: 7/0/0.

**Intercultural Communication** – Submitted by Kara Day, LMT, for 3 CEUs – The Board voted to approve this course. This course satisfies the Implicit Bias requirement. Board vote: 7/0/0.

**Licensing Committee** – *(Stephen M. Conti, LMT)* – No report.

**Ad Hoc Strategic Planning Committee** – *(Margaret Hayes, MS)* – No report.

**Actions from February 26, 2025, Closed Session.** The Board did not conduct a Closed Session.

**Ratification of Board Issued Licenses (LMTs)** – Motion to accept all new LMT’s and Conversions as a whole group by Kirsten Bodnarchuk; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eduardo Souza. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

**February 2025**

**LMTs**

<b>LICENSE NUMBER</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORIGINAL LICENSE DATE</b>
M06809	MALKASIAN, YSABEL A.	02/04/2025
M06810	STREET, MARGARET L.	02/04/2025
M06812	CULMORE, KATELYNN M.	02/05/2025
M06813	DUMAIS, CHARLES T.	02/05/2025
M06814	BURGOS, YEON H.	02/07/2025
M06817	MUSSER, OLIVIA R.	02/10/2025
M06818	FITZGERALD, VICTORY	02/10/2025
M06819	TEJADA, AMANDA L.	02/10/2025
M06820	BEANE, TIARRA A.	02/10/2025
M06821	LEWIS-JONES, TAVELL	02/10/2025
M06822	MERCEDES, CHRISTOPHER	02/12/2025
M06823	HERRON, JULIE B.	02/12/2025
M06824	MCKINNEY, JUSTICE L.	02/12/2025
M06826	BOWERS, SHAVONIA T.	02/18/2025
M06827	POWELL MARTIN, AUDREY D.	02/20/2025
M06828	APPLEGATE, JENNIFER L.	02/20/2025
M06830	NAVARRO, MARIA MARGARITA	02/25/2025

**Total 17**

**RMP to LMT Conversion**

<b>LICENSE NUMBER</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>ORIGINAL LICENSE DATE</b>
M06811	LEMON, CARA M.	07/14/2014
M06815	JONES, JULIUS D.	09/12/2014
M06816	DAVIS, O’KIMA A.	05/06/2013
M06825	STARNES, KEVIN M.	09/20/2024
M06829	ALBALUSHI, MAHDI M.	08/20/2024
M06831	RANES, MARGARET E.	08/02/2013

**Total 6**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**Review actions to be taken:** None.

**Next meeting – April 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. (Virtual).**

**Open Session Meeting Adjourned** – Motion to adjourn Open Session at 10:12 a.m. by Sabrina Lopez; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kirsten Bodnarchuk. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Eduardo Souza by ES*

Eduardo Souza, LMT  
Secretary/Treasurer



**STATE OF MARYLAND**  
**BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS**  
**VIRTUAL OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING**  
**March 26, 2025 – 10:01 a.m. to 10:12 a.m.**

**VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS**

1. Zakiyyah Holmes, Office of the Secretary, Boards and Commissions
2. Lillian Reese, Legislative Liaison
3. Lynne Brummitt, LMT
4. Chelsea Adams-Cook, LMT, AMTA-MD
5. Lena Denison
6. Seth Dinkel
7. Aisha Rivers
8. Rachel Stancil
9. Molly Farwell, LMT, Metta Integrative Wellness Cooperative