



## State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

**Virtual**

**January 26, 2022, 10:02 a.m. – 10:57 a.m.**

#### Members Present

Caitlin M. Thompson, LMT, Board Chair  
Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT, Vice Chair  
Margaret Hayes, MS, Secretary/Treasurer  
Eric Newdom, LMT, Board Member  
Paula Jilanis, LMT, Past Board Chair  
Diane Jones Richards, BS, Consumer Member  
Stephen Conti, LMT, Board Member

#### Non-Members Present

Sharon Oliver, MBA, Executive Director  
Christopher Hawkins, Licensing Unit Manager  
Tony DeFranco, AAG, Board Counsel  
Marc Ware, Senior Investigator  
Susan Erdman, Board Investigator  
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist  
Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator  
Kimberly Link, MDH Boards Liaison

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#### **Board Chair's Opening Remarks, Reading of the Board's Mission & Call to Order at 10:02 a.m. by Caitlin Thompson, LMT.**

The regularly scheduled Open Session meeting of the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners was held virtually on January 26, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Board Chair Caitlin M. Thompson, LMT. Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present.

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

**Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for December 22, 2021** – Margaret Hayes motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kirsten Bodnarchuk. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

#### **OLD BUSINESS - MATTERS FOR REPORTING**

**BOARD CHAIR REPORTS** – Nothing to report.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** – *(Sharon J. Oliver)*

**SB37/HB220 Massage Bill – Hearing Scheduled for February 1, 2022 in the House** – Kirsten Bodnarchuk and Caitlin Thompson are providing testimony.



**Security Incident Update** – A good workaround system has been established in response to the security incident. The IT department has been consistent with providing updates. Desktop computers are being evaluated to determine if they were infected by the malware.

Kim Link thanked Sharon Oliver and the Board Office staff for their hard work. Sharon Oliver thanked Board Counsel for his assistance. Caitlin Thompson acknowledged the work of the Board's Office Staff.

**Legislative Session Info for Board Members from Lillian Reese** – The information provided highlights the role of the Board members during the Legislative Session. A Committee has been assigned to review the bills and determine the Board's position on each bill.

**Letter of Concern** – The Secretary has proposed a bill regarding the authority over staff and infrastructure operations. A joint letter of concern was prepared by the Physical Therapy Board. If anyone has any questions, please contact Sharon Oliver.

**LICENSING UNIT MANAGER'S REPORT**– (*Christopher Hawkins, Sr.*) – No report.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Advisory Committee** – (*Kirsten Bodnarchuk*) – The Committee is currently working on Regulations.

**Licensing Committee**– (*Eric Newdom*) – The Committee is moving forward with new and pending cases.

**Ad-Hoc JP Exam Committee** – (*Paula Jilanis*) – The Committee completed their portion of the online examination project. David Mark, Sharon Oliver & Christopher Hawkins met to discuss next steps. A candidate will be selected to beta test the online jurisprudence examination.

#### **NEW BUSINESS – MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Board Chair Reports** – (*Caitlin Thompson*) – We are anticipating the outcome of the Massage bill in this Legislative Session.

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

#### **Legislative Bills of Interest**

**HB0112** – Health Occupations – Service Members, Veterans and Military Spouses- Temporary Licensure, Certifications, Registration and Permitting – No position

**HB0122** – Criminal Procedure – Expungement of Records – Expansion – No position



**SB0077** – Health Occupations Board – Investigations – Right to Counsel – Letter of Concern

**SB0111** – Occupational Licenses or Certificates – Pre-Application Determinations – Letter of Concern

**HB235** – Open Meetings Act- Definition- Administrative Function – No position

**HB246** – Open Meetings Act – Notices, Closed Sessions and Minutes – Retention Records, Online Posting, and Public Inspection – No position

**HB292** – Occupational Licensing Boards and Commissions on Judicial Disabilities -Reporting Disciplinary Activities - No position - Collecting information

**SB311** – Health Occupations, (Name Change) Podiatric to Podiatric Physicians – No position

**HB407** – Health Occupations Healthcare Settings Shortage Emergency Declaration and Licensing & Practice Requirements -Healthcare Heroes Act of 2022 – Informational

**Staffing Update** – Welcome to Susan Erdman, Investigator for the Chiropractic Board. Sue is a former Marine and has worked in several capacities as a social worker and case manager for the penal system. Warm welcome to Sue!

Bernice Berger's last day with the Board was January 25, 2022. The recruitment for her position has been approved and will be posted soon.

**Financial Disclosure Filing Due April 30, 2022** – Board members were reminded to complete their financial disclosures by 4/30/2022. It is critical to complete the disclosure in a timely fashion in order to maintain the Board position.

**PMTI Change Location – MHEC Approval Letter** – PMTI moved in December 2021. MHEC disseminated a letter approving PMTI's relocation.

**LICENSING UNIT MANAGER'S REPORT** – (*Christopher Hawkins, Sr.*)

Current License Statistics

Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants as of 01/18/2022

Category	Status	#
License Massage Therapist	Active	2254
License Massage Therapist	Inactive	252
Registered Massage Practitioner	Active	1518
Registered Massage Practitioner	Inactive	88



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Advisory Committee** – (*Paula Jilanis*) – No report.

**Licensing Committee** – (*Eric Newdom*) – No report.

**CEU Committee** – (*Eric Newdom*)

**The following courses were submitted by the Brilliance Advanced Beauty Education, LLC. (BABE)**

- 10 Steps Guaranteed to Launch Your Career (3 CEU's)
- The Steps for Starting Your Beauty or Wellness Business Course Outline (10 CEU's)
- Finding Your Perfect Client & Your Niche & Why (3 CEU's)
- Stepping Out into Salon Ownership as an Entrepreneur (3 CEU's)

Motion was made to approve all of the above courses by Paula Jilanis; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kirsten Bodnarchuk. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

**Bylaws Update** – (*Eric Newdom*) – The Bylaws updates were disseminated to the Board. The vote on the changes will occur at the next meeting.

**Actions from the December 22, 2021 Closed Session** – The Board did not conduct a closed session meeting.

**PETITION(S)/PORTFOLIO REVIEWS/ PETITIONS/ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN** – None

## Applicant(s) Ratifications

**Ratification of Board Issued Licenses and Registrations (LMTs & RMPs)** – Motion was made by Kirsten Bodnarchuk; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Jilanis to approve all new LMTs and RMPs as a whole group. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0. Welcome to the State of Maryland!

## November & December 2021

### New LMT's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06260	Parsons, Joseph R.	11/08/2021
M06261	Wong, Anna M.	11/09/2021
M06262	Baron, Linda A.	11/09/2021
M06263	Li, Jimmy J.	11/09/2021
M06264	Lopez, Janine J.	11/10/2021
M06265	Carroll, Aaron	11/15/2021
M06266	Crandell, Alethea A.	11/16/2021

M06267	Love, Whitney A.	11/16/2021
M06268	Rhodes, Stephany A.	11/17/2021
M06269	Regan, Patrick T.	11/22/2021
M06270	Powers, Megan J.	11/22/2021
M06271	Walsh, Chelsea J.	11/24/2021
M06272	Brenner, Natalie L.	11/24/2021
M06273	Gistenson, Cheryl B.	11/24/2021
M06274	Fleet, Le'son D.	11/24/2021

**Total 15**

### **RMP to LMT Conversion -None**

#### **New RMP's**

<b>License Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Original License Date</b>
R03420	Cernivani, Christina N.	11/09/2021
R03421	Weiss-Rice, Aaron B.	11/09/2021
R03422	Fenimore, Lindsey A.	11/10/2021
R03423	Foston, Jessica A.	11/10/2021
R03424	Muir, Brigitte M.	11/12/2021
R03425	Salas, Maria R.	11/12/2021
R03426	Glascoe, Tiana D.	11/12/2021
R03427	Jachiet, Alain D.	11/12/2021
R03428	Jenkins, Ashley	11/15/2021
R03429	Christopolis, Jessica L.	11/15/2021
R03430	Suarez, Chunying P.	11/15/2021
R03431	Kasteckaite, Daiva	11/16/2021
R03432	Marks, Pamela K.	11/17/2021
R03433	Tolson, Latasha A.	11/18/2021
R03434	Hollie, Paula N.	11/18/2021
R03435	Recchiuti, Debby L.	11/24/2021
R03436	Griffiths, Laura G.	11/24/2021
R03437	Rock, Karen L.	11/29/2021
R03438	Goss-Harris, Hannah B.	12/02/2021

**Total 19**

### **REVIEW ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN – None**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Margaret Hayes offered a suggestion: to identify & label agenda items that require further action. This



item will be discussed with the Executive Committee.

**Next Meeting – February 23, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Open Session Meeting Adjourned** – Motion was made to adjourn the Open Session Meeting at 10:57 a.m. by Stephen Conti; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eric Newdom. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Margaret Hayes by ssv*

Margaret Hayes, Consumer Member  
Secretary/Treasurer



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**BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS**  
**OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING**  
**January 26, 2022 – 10:02 a.m. to 10:57 a.m.**

**CALL IN PARTICIPANTS**

1. Amelia Mitchell, AMTA
2. Lynne Brummitt
3. Michelle England
4. Chelsea Adams-Cook
5. Christine Hooper
6. Sabrina Lopez
7. Tara McManaway
8. Regina Schneider
9. Mai Lin Petrine
10. Rick Coe, Elements Massage