



State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

HYBRID

January 22, 2025 – 10:01 a.m. to 10:24 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

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

On January 22, 2025, the Open Session of the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners was held hybrid. 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 Amended Open Session Agenda – Kirsten Bodnarchuk motioned to accept the Amended Open Session Agenda; 2nd by Eduardo Souza. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for October 23, 2024 – Margaret Hayes motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes for October 23, 2024; 2nd by Sabrina Lopez. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Board Chair's Report(s) – *(Stephen M. Conti, LMT)*

Welcome New Board Member Rebakah Jones – Stephen M. Conti welcomed new board member, Rebakah Jones

Human Trafficking Conference Report – Sharon Oliver, Stephen M. Conti, Ismael Canales, Kirsten Bodnarchuk, Sabrina Lopez, Eduardo Souza, and Tony DeFranco attended the National Convening Human Trafficking Conference, January 14-15, 2025 in Arlington, VA. The conference provided many opportunities for networking with law enforcement and obtain information related to combat trafficking. Board Discussion.



2025 Initiative-School Engagement Opportunities – In effort to foster a greater understanding of the boards’ processes, an initiative is undertaken to increase board-school engagement.

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

Staffing Update-New Investigator – Sharon Oliver introduced new Board Investigator Kimmya Crawford to the Board. Kimmya comes with a background in law enforcement. Warm welcome to Kimmya!

Online Payment Portal and Application Update – The Board is pleased to announce that the online payment portal is live. The Board will no longer accept checks for payment of fees.

YTD Financial Position – The total allocation for FY2025 is \$929,002.00. The year-to-date expense total is \$315,401.75. The remaining fund allocation for FY2025 is \$613,600.30.

2025 Legislative Dates of Interest – Legislative Session has begun. Board Members received the 2025 Legislative Dates of Interest calendar.

Delegation of Authority to Advisory Committee – Authority has been granted to the Advisory Committee to Review & Take Board Position on Bills. A bill is currently in progress that impacts the Chiropractic Board. The bill proposes that funds can be reallocated to support another State agency.

Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee – Margaret Hayes and Kirsten Bodnarchuk agreed to serve on the Ad-Hoc Bylaws Committee.

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

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

Current Licensing Information

Active Licensees / Registrants as of January 16, 2025

Category	Status	Prior Period Reporting	Current Period Reporting	Change
Licensed Massage Therapist	Active	2,391	2,231	-160
Licensed Massage Therapist	Inactive	252	209	-43
Registered Massage Practitioner	Active	1,413	1167	-246
Registered Massage Practitioner	Inactive	113	106	-7

Non-Renewal Status Data Trend 2016-2024 – A graphical depiction of 5-renewal cycle trends for RMP's and LMT's was reviewed.

Committee Reports

Advisory Committee – *(Sabrina Lopez, LMT)*

Sunset Bill Senate Hearing – Sharon Oliver and Sabrina Lopez testified in Annapolis on January 21, 2025, in support of Sunset Bill SB217, Membership Alteration and Sunset Extension.

Legislative Bills of Interest

- **HB231 Constitutional Amendment** – Fee or Tax Rate Increases **Board Position: Letter of Concern**
- **SB052 Health Occupations** – State Board of Chiropractic Examiners-Revisions **Board Position: Support**
- **SB067 Health Occupations Boards** – Notation of Veteran Status and Eligibility for Benefits **Board Position: No Position**
- **SB072 Health Occupations Boards** – English Proficiency Requirements and Licensure by Endorsement for Nursing **Board Position: No Position**
- **SB217(HB256) Health Occupations Boards** – Membership Alteration and Sunset Extensions **Board Position: Support**

COMAR 10.65.01.06 – Registration Conversion Regulations – have been signed by the Secretary of Health, and sent to the Governor Office. The Board will be advised of the public comment period.

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

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

Actions from October 23, 2024, 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; 2nd by Margaret Hayes. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2024

LICENSE NUMBER	NAME	ORIGINAL LICENSE DATE
M06736	PACE, KEDESH	10/01/2024
M06744	SIMONS, RHONDA A.	10/16/2024
M06753	COLEMAN, KEITH A.	10/29/2024

M06756	JEFFERSON, TAYLOR E.	10/30/2024
M06757	VINCENT, KATHRYN M.	10/30/2024
M06770	BARTEE, SARAH D.	11/22/2024
M06771	BOUYER, AMANI M.	11/22/2024
M06774	SONG, NINGNING	11/27/2024
M06775	SMITH, COREY B.	12/04/2024
M06776	JONES, JANE EMILY	12/10/2024
M06777	PROCTOR, REBECCA M.	12/10/2024
M06778	HUANG, MING MEI	12/12/2024
M06779	MOORE, JAMES A.	12/12/2024
M06780	GRACIAS, ANGELA M.	12/16/2024
M06781	WRATCHFORD, NATHAN L.	12/16/2024
M06782	SANKAR, TERRENCE C.	12/16/2024
M06785	GRAYSON, RHYS W.	12/17/2024
M06786	JOLLY, PATRICE S.	12/19/2024
M06787	SIMMONS, TATYANA	12/19/2024
M06788	PALMER, ELIZABETH A.	12/19/2024
M06789	RITTERSHOFER, PAUL W.	12/23/2024
M06790	DAVIS, KENDRA N.L.	12/27/2024
M06793	WOODSON, JENNIFER L.	12/31/2024
M06794	MILES, JENNIFER A.	12/31/2024

Total 24

RMP to LMT Conversion

LICENSE NUMBER	NAME	ORIGINAL LICENSE DATE
M06737	NEARY, LAURA REBECCA	07/30/2019
M06738	NAZELROD, PATRICIA L.	07/21/2005
M06739	MILLER, ANGELA M.	06/03/2005
M06740	SONG, LEI H.	11/07/2007
M06741	TAYLOR, PAMELA A.	06/10/2013
M06742	WAZLAVEK, ANITA L.	06/15/2005
M06743	POHL, SAMARA M.	03/27/2023
M06745	GRAHAM, ERIK W.	04/02/2009
M06747	WYSOCKI, ANNA	04/02/2007
M06748	JOVENAL, HEATHER A.	09/19/2024
M06749	DAYTON, BARBARA B.	11/04/2010
M06750	THOMAS, CASSANDRA J.	06/15/2010
M06751	DAVIS, CARL L.	08/23/2016
M06752	WASHINGTON, CIERRA J.	09/11/2023
M06754	GUO, JING	03/12/2024
M06755	ROBERSON, SHAQANDRA	06/30/2015
M06758	PACE, BENJAMIN F.	07/08/2019
M06759	THOMAS, JOYCE J.	10/08/2014
M06760	CHEN, YIJUN	08/18/2022
M06761	GLADDEN, INGRID MALISSA	07/01/2016
M06762	REGAN, KATHLEEN A.	05/19/2022
M06763	NEAL, JESSICA J.	06/08/2016

M06764	DUAN, ZUYUAN	03/07/2018
M06765	NICKENS, BRITTANY L.	05/30/2024
M06766	BUABENG, TIFFANY S.	07/09/2012
M06767	CARR, KATHRYN A.	08/24/2017
M06768	TAO, XIAOLAN	09/15/2016
M06769	LARSH, JOHN A.	04/05/2019
M06772	SMITH, ERICA L.	11/08/2010
M06773	LEE, SHANTEL R.	07/31/2013
M06783	EWING, MEAGAN N.	03/20/2012
M06784	FILER, JODI L.	07/16/2019
M06796	FRANZ, ERIKA T.	10/19/2023
M06797	PARKER, JR, RONNIE E.	09/02/2009

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MISCELLANEOUS

Review actions to be taken: None.

Next meeting – February 26, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. (Hybrid).

Open Session Meeting Adjourned – Motion to adjourn Open Session at 10:24 a.m. by Kirsten Bodnarchuk; 2nd by Sabrina Lopez. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Eduardo Souza, LMT
Secretary/Treasurer



STATE OF MARYLAND BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS

HYBRID OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING

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VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS

1. Zakiyyah Holmes, Office of the Secretary, Boards and Commissions
2. Lillian Reese, Legislative Liaison
3. Lynne Brummitt, LMT
4. Regina Schneider, LMT
5. Sharon Barolet
6. Mai Lin Petrine, FSMTB
7. Chelsea Adams-Cook, LMT, AMTA-MD