



State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Virtual

February 23, 2022, 10:02 a.m. – 10:38 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

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 February 23, 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 and Staff were present.

Review/Approval of the Amended Open Session Agenda – Paula Jilanis motioned to accept the Amended Open Session Agenda; 2nd by Stephen Conti. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for January 26, 2022 – Paula Jilanis motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes; 2nd by Kirsten Bodnarchuk. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

OLD BUSINESS - MATTERS FOR REPORTING

BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT

Senate Bill 899 – Caitlin Thompson, Sharon Oliver, representatives from the Nursing Board, Dental Board and the Chiropractic Board testified against Senate Bill 899.

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

SB37/HB220 Massage Bill – HB220 was voted on by the House Committee with amendments to



ensure that MHEC will approve Maryland Massage Therapy schools. The amendments were also made to accreditation language. The amended bill will be referred to the Advisory Committee. Board Discussion.

Massage Online JP Examination – Five applicants have been selected to beta test the online JP examination and provide feedback. Christopher Hawkins thanked the Committee for their hard work.

Financial Disclosure Filing Due April 30, 2022 – Board Members were reminded to complete their financial disclosures by April 30, 2022.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee – (*Kirsten Bodnarchuk*) – No report.

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

Bylaws Committee – (*Eric Newdom*) – The Committee recommended changes to eliminate standing committees. This revision will allow necessary changes to be made such as committee assignments. The Board voted to approve the proposed changes to the Bylaws. Board vote: 7/0/0.

NEW BUSINESS – MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

Board Chair’s Report – (*Caitlin Thompson*) – No report.

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

Legislative Bills of Interest

HB0625/SB440 – Commission to Study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland - Establishment – No position

HB643 Health – Disclosure of Medical Records – Penalty – No position

HB1000 – Maryland Earn & Learn Act of 2022 – Establishment – No position

HB1130 – Health Occupations – Prohibition of Expiration of Licenses, Certificates, Permits and Registrations – No position

HB1169 – Child Abuse & Neglect – Training of Health Care Professionals – No position

NAICS Code Update – The tax code name has been changed from Massage Parlor to Massage Wellness Center. The Code 621399: “Offices of All Other Miscellaneous Health Practitioners,” is also applicable. Thanks to AMTA for their help on this effort!



COMTA's Call for Commissioner Nominations - COMTA is seeking Commissioners. If anyone is interested in serving or would like to nominate an individual, please contact Sharon Oliver.

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

Current License Statistics

Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants as of 02/16/2022

Category	Status	#
License Massage Therapist	Active	2264
License Massage Therapist	Inactive	252
Registered Massage Practitioner	Active	1527
Registered Massage Practitioner	Inactive	88

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee – *(Kirsten Bodnarchuk)* – No report.

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

Actions from the January 26, 2022 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): January 2022

Motion by Paula Jilanis; 2nd by Kirsten Bodnarchuk 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!

New LMT's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06275	Steel-Burgner, Zachary R.	01/12/2022
M06276	Boyle, Laura, J.	01/12/2022

Total 2

RMP to LMT Conversion

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06284	Fenimore, Lindsey A.	11/10/2021

Total 1

New RMP's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
R03439	White, Rickisha, N.	01/10/2022
R03440	Brown, Nicole N.	01/12/2022
R03441	Brown, Dwan A.	01/12/2022
R03442	Beckley, Shavon J.	01/13/2022
R03443	Mattola, Nathan R.	01/14/2022
R03444	Timmons, Diamond, M.	01/20/2022
R03439	White, Rickisha N.	01/10/2022
R03440	Brown, Nicole N.	01/12/2022
R03441	Brown, Dwan A.	01/12/2022
R03442	Beckley, Shavon J.	01/13/2022
R03443	Mattola, Nathan R.	01/14/2022
R03444	Timmons, Diamond, M.	01/20/2022

Total 12

REVIEW ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN – None

MISCELLANEOUS

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

Open Session Meeting Adjourned – Motion to adjourn Open Session Meeting at 10:38 a.m. by Eric Newdom; 2nd by Stephen Conti. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Hayes by SJU
Margaret Hayes, Consumer Member
Secretary/Treasurer



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CALL IN PARTICIPANTS

1. Amelia Mitchell, AMTA
2. Lynne Brummitt
3. Chelsea Adams-Cook
4. Philomena Queen
5. Sabrina Lopez
6. Regina Schneider
7. Ashley Hernandez, FSMTB Government Relations Specialist