



## State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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4201 PATTERSON AVENUE, SUITE 301  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

**Virtual**

**March 23, 2022, 10:01 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

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#### **Board Chair's Opening Remarks, Reading of the Board's Mission & Call to Order at 10:01 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 March 23, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Board Chair Caitlin M. Thompson, LMT. Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present.

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

**Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for February 23, 2022** – Margaret Hayes motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Jilanis. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

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

**BOARD CHAIR REPORTS** – (*Caitlin Thompson*) - No report.

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

**Security Incident – Network Reconnection Update** – The Board continues to operate using Mi-Fi & cellular phone hot spots. Executive Directors are being asked to sign a network reconnection agreement; however, several nuances must be addressed. The Executive Directors will continue to monitor the situation.



**HB220/SB37 – Massage Bill – Hearings Update** – The two Massage Bills have crossed over into the respective chambers. An amendment on SB37 reduced the civil penalty from \$50,000 to \$10,000. A House subcommittee hearing on SB37 is scheduled for March 24, 2022.

**HB1455/SB899 – Health Occupations Boards- Infrastructure Bill Update** – There was an unfavorable vote in the Senate on SB899. HB1455 remains in the House Rule Committee. The crossover date was Monday, March 21, 2022; therefore, HB1455 will not pass.

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

**Final Copy of Revised Bylaws** – Informational only – Included in the board packets is the final copy of the revised bylaws.

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

**Massage Online JP Examination Update** – Beta testing was completed successfully in February 2022. Invitations were sent to applicants to take the online JP examination starting in March 2022. Notice of the change to the online examination format will be posted on the Board's website in April 2022. Many thanks to David Marks, the JP Examination Committee, and Board Staff!

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

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

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

**Board Chair Reports – (*Caitlin Thompson*)** – No report.

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

**Legislative Bills of Interest: (*Lillian Reese, Tony DeFranco & Sharon Oliver*)**

- **HB533 – Occupations and Professions-Licensees, Certificates, and Registration-Immigrants** – No position.
- **HB903 – Maryland Non-Discrimination in Health Care Coverage Act** – No position.
- **HB1016/SB711– Health Occupations-Athletic Trainers Dry Needling Registration** – No position. The Board will continue to monitor.
- **HB1364 – Health Care Freedom of Conscience** – No position.
- **SB780 – Cybersecurity Governance Act of 2022** – Support with Amendments. The Board will continue to monitor.

- **SB812 – State Government – Cybersecurity – Coordination and Governance** – Support with Amendments.
- **HB1346 State Government – Cybersecurity – Coordination and Governance** – Passed in the House; waiting for hearing in the Senate (*Lillian Reese received the bill shortly before the start of the Board meeting*).

Sharon Oliver advised the Board that several bills have come to the attention of the Board shortly before the meeting. They impact the network, infrastructure, and IT Staff. The Board will be apprised of their developments. Ms. Oliver thanked Lillian Reese and Tony DeFranco, Board Counsel, for their work and guidance during this Legislative Session.

**2022 Renewal Requirement: Implicit Bias Training** – In 2021 the legislators passed a law requiring all health care providers to complete a one-time only “Implicit Bias Training” course at their first renewal after April 1, 2022. 1 CEU hour will be awarded for completion of the training. An eblast was sent to LMTs and RMPs with the link to approved courses on the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program’s website. Board Discussion.

**2022 CEU Requirements:**

- 1 Hour CEU Implicit Bias
- 7 Mandatory CEUs:
  - 3 Hours Ethics or Jurisprudence
  - 3 Hours in Communicable Diseases including HIV/AIDS
  - 1 Hour Diversity or Cultural Competency
- 16 Elective Hours in Massage Related Education
- Current CPR Certification

**FARB 2022 Innovation Regulation Conference, July 21-22, 2022 in Washington, D.C.**

**FARB 2022 Regulatory Law Seminar, September 29-October 1, 2022 in Reston, VA.**

Motion to send two board members and two board staff to the FARB conferences by Kirsten Bodnarchuk; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephen Conti. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

**FSMTB-Litigation to Protect the Integrity of the MBLEx** – FSMTB notified member boards via email of litigation initiated against a Texas school to protect the integrity of the MBLEx examination. Board members were encouraged to attend FSMTB virtual Town Hall meetings.

**Current License Statistics- (*Christopher Hawkins, Sr.*)**

Active & Inactive Licensees/Registrants as of 03/14/2022

Category	Status	#
License Massage Therapist	Active	2270
License Massage Therapist	Inactive	252
Registered Massage Practitioner	Active	1536
Registered Massage Practitioner	Inactive	88



**Staffing Update** – Rachel Rotenberg has submitted her resignation as Massage Licensing Coordinator. Many thanks to Rachel for her diligence and hard work!

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

**Actions from the February 23, 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 (LMT's & RMP's): February 2022**  
Motion 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!

### 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 – April 27, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Open Session Meeting Adjourned** – Motion to adjourn Open Session Meeting at 10:38 a.m. by Kirsten Bodnarchuk; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephen Conti. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Margaret Hayes by SMC*

Margaret Hayes, Consumer Member  
Secretary/Treasurer



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**BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS**  
**OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING**  
March 23, 2022 – 10:01 a.m. to 10:38 a.m.

**CALL IN PARTICIPANTS**

1. Amelia Mitchell, AMTA
2. Chelsea Adams-Cook
3. Sabrina Lopez, Cortiva Institute
4. Hunter Irons, FSMTB
5. Mai Lin Petrine, FSMTB