



State Board *of* Massage Therapy Examiners

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4201 PATTERSON AVENUE, SUITE 301
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

Open SESSION MINUTES

Teleconference Call

April 27, 2022, 10:02 a.m. – 10:37 a.m.

Members Present

Caitlin M. Thompson, LMT, Board Chair-Absent
Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT, Vice Chair
Margaret Hayes, LMT, Secretary/Treasurer
Paula Jilanis, LMT, Board Member
Diane Jones Richards, 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
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist
Marc Ware, Senior Investigator
Sue Erdman, Board Investigator
Kimberly Link, MDH Boards Liaison
Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator

Call to Order at 10:02 a.m. by Board Chair

The regularly scheduled Open Session meeting of the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners was held virtually on April 27, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Board Vice Chair, Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT. Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present with the exception of Caitlin Thompson, LMT, Board Chair.

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: 6/0/0.

Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for March 23, 2022 – Paula Jilanis motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes; 2nd by Stephen Conti. The motion passed. Board Vote: 6/0/0.

OLD BUSINESS - MATTERS FOR REPORTING

BOARD CHAIR REPORTS – *(Kirsten Bodnarchuk)* – No report.

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

SB37 Massage Therapy Bill Passed in Both Chambers – The Massage Therapy Bill passed in the House and in the Senate.

Security Incident – The Board is still operating on a Mi-Fi connection. The MDH reconnection agreement still poses many concerns. Board ED's are collaborating to identify a workable resolution.



Boards and Commission 2015-2019 Legislative Audit Report – The report contains several repeat audit deficits affecting several Boards. The Massage Board remains in good standing.

Financial Disclosure Filing due April 30, 2022 – Final Reminder. Board Members were reminded to complete their financial disclosures.

END OF LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – (Lillian Reese) – The 2022 Legislative Session ended April 11, 2022. In preparation for the 2023 Legislative Session, concept papers will be due June 1, 2022.

Legislative Bills Of Interest Update

SB77 – Investigation Right to Counsel – Board position: Letter of Concern. The bill did not pass.

SB11 – Preapplication Determinations for Criminal Convictions – Board position: Letter of Concern. The bill did not pass.

SB899/HB1455 – Secretary’s Infrastructure Bill – Board position: Opposed. Bill did not pass.

SB37 – Massage Bill – Passed, effective date- October 2022.

HB625/SB 440 – Commission to study the Healthcare Workforce Crisis in Maryland – Passed, effective date – July 1, 2022.

Congratulations to Ms. Oliver for being chosen as MDH Boards Representative for the Healthcare Workforce Crisis Commission! Thank you to Lillian Reese and Tony DeFranco, Senator Augustine, Delegate Kelly, Amelia Mitchell of AMTA, Board Members, and Staff for their work during this legislative session.

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

Online Jurisprudence Examination Implementation Date, May 16, 2022, Update – Effective May 16, 2022, the Jurisprudence Examination (JP) will be available online on a rolling basis to all eligible candidates. The in-person exam will be eliminated. Thank you to David Mark and the Ad Hoc JP Examination Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee – No report.

Licensing Committee – No report.

NEW BUSINESS- MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

BOARD CHAIR REPORTS – No report.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT – (Sharon J. Oliver)

Staffing Update – An individual has been identified for the Chiropractic License Coordinator



position. The selected person is scheduled to start on May 18, 2022. Serita Anderson has returned to assist with Board operations on a contractual basis. The Massage Licensing Coordinator position has been posted. Thank you to Kirsten Bodnarchuk for her assistance in the interview process.

Per Diem Policy – The per diem policy needs to be reviewed. An ad hoc committee will be formed to review the per diem policy.

Funding Balance – Due to the cybersecurity attacks, the Board has been unable to receive complete budget, expenditure and revenue reports since November 2021. As of April 19, 2022, the Massage Board's financial position is as follows: Revenue collected \$135,954; Expenditures: \$370,929.66; 2021 Carryover balance: \$687,583.11; Total Fund Balance: \$452,587.45.

Anne Arundel Community College Program Change – Anne Arundel Community College has submitted a letter advising of changes in their certificate program. Contact hours have decreased from 645 to 615 hours.

Fortis Institute Tuition Changes – MHEC Notification – FYI - The Board has received notice of tuition changes in Fortis's massage program, effective December 2021.

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

Current Licensure Statistics

Active and Inactive Licensees/Registrants as of 04/14/2022

Category	Status	#
License Massage Therapist	Active	2277
License Massage Therapist	Inactive	251
Registered Massage Practitioner	Active	1548
Registered Massage Practitioner	Inactive	87

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee – (*Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT*)

2023 Concept Papers – The committee is working on two concept papers. The first paper will add a section for reinstatement options for disciplined licensees/registrants; and remove the option of a stay while a final of the Board is under judicial appeal; close a loophole in the definition of massage therapy; and classify the unlicensed practice of massage as a felony. Tony DeFranco clarified the definition of 'stay.' The Board voted to accept the recommendations submitted by the Advisory Committee. Board Vote: 6/0/0.

The second concept paper adds acupressure to the definition of massage, remove the word treatment from §6-101(f)(3)(i) and repeal Section §6-403. The Board voted to accept the recommendations submitted by the Advisory Committee. Board Vote: 6/0/0.



Licensing Committee – No report.

ACTIONS FROM MARCH 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 – March 2022
Motion to accept the entire group of LMT's & RMP's as a whole group by Paula Jilanis; 2nd by Kirsten Bodnarchuk. The motion passed. Board Vote: 6/0/0. *Welcome to the State of Maryland!*

New LMT's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06286	Zarb, Stephanie	03/01/2022
M06287	Basanta, Sara R.	03/02/2022
M06288	Brice, Latosha N.	03/03/2022
M06289	Wu, Chaoneng	03/09/2022

Total 4

RMP to LMT Conversion

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06284	Fenimore, Lindsey A.	11/10/2021
M06285	Samios-Uy, Devin P.	05/13/2015

Total 2

New RMP's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
R03453	Bridges, Ashley J.	03/01/2022
R03454	Khan, Arshad Y.	03/01/2022
R03455	Spencer, Melody M.	03/03/2022
R03456	Walker, Marion H.	03/09/2022
R03457	Singh, Krishna P.	03/09/2022
R03458	Slater, Grant, A.	03/09/2022
R03459	Carlin, Shane, S.	03/11/2022
R03460	Guimaraes, Bruna, R.	03/11/2022
R03461	Harrell, Justin P.	03/11/2022
R03462	McKnight, Kristina, L.	03/11/2022
R03463	Crabtree, Laurel, A.	03/15/2022



R03464	Jackson, Catherine, R.	03/15/2022
R03465	Leach, Kirsten	03/23/2022
R03466	Simmons, Jessica E.	03/30/2022
R03467	Smith, Sharina A.	03/30/2022

Total 15

REVIEW ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN – None

MISCELLANEOUS

Next Meeting – May 25, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Open Session Meeting Adjourned – Motion to adjourn Open Session Meeting at 10:37 a.m. by Stephen Conti; 2nd by Paula Jilanis. The motion passed. Board Vote: 6/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Hayes by SSV

Margaret Hayes, Consumer Member
Secretary/Treasurer



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CALL IN PARTICIPANTS

1. Chelsea Adams-Cook
2. Lynne Brummitt
3. Hunter Irons