



**State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners**  
METRO EXECUTIVE BUILDING  
4201 PATTERSON AVENUE • SUITE 301  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

**Open SESSION MINUTES**

**Teleconference Call**

**May 25, 2022, 10:01 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.**

**Members Present**

Caitlin M. Thompson, LMT, Board Chair  
Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT, Vice Chair  
Margaret Hayes, MS, Secretary/Treasurer  
Paula Jilanis, LMT, Board Member  
Diane Jones Richards, BS, Consumer Member  
Stephen Conti, LMT, Board Member  
Eric Newdom, 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  
Mae Mgbaja, Chiro Licensing Coordinator  
Kimberly Link, MDH Boards Liaison  
Lillian Reese, Legislative Coordinator

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

The regularly scheduled Open Session meeting of the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners was held virtually on May 25, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Board Chair, Caitlin Thompson, LMT. Roll call was taken and all Board Members were.

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

**Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for April 27, 2022** – Paula Jilanis motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephen Conti. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

**OLD BUSINESS - MATTERS FOR REPORTING**

**BOARD CHAIR REPORTS** – (*Caitlin Thompson, LMT*) – Amelia Mitchell has passed away. Amelia was a great asset to AMTA and the massage community. She will truly be missed.

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

**Implicit Bias Training** – FSMTB Courses Approved – The Department of Minority Health has been experiencing challenges with identifying and approving implicit bias courses. The online link displaying course offerings has been removed from their website. FSMTB offers several courses for the Implicit Bias Training which were approved by the Department of Minority Health. Please visit <https://reach4ce.org/>



## Staffing Update

Sharon Oliver introduced Mae Mgbaja, Chiropractic Licensing Coordinator to the Board. Mae's start date was May 18, 2022.

Marc Ware and Susan Erdman have accepted positions with the Physical Therapy Board. Their last day will be May 31, 2022. Thank you to Marc and Sue for their service to the Massage and Chiropractic Boards.

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

**Online Jurisprudence Examination** — The online Jurisprudence Exam is running smoothly. Applications are accepted for the examination on a rolling basis. Thank you to David Mark and the JP Exam 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*)

**Anne Arundel Community College, COMTA Endorsement (AACC)** — The Anne Arundel Community College massage therapy program has received COMTA Endorsement. Congratulations to Anne Arundel Community College and Lynne Brummitt, AACC Program Director.

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

Sharon Oliver and Christopher Hawkins will be meeting with the IT Department to prepare for the 2022-2024 renewals. Email reminders will go out to licensees and registrants in July to provide instructions on the renewal process.

## Current Licensure Statistics

Active and Inactive Licensees/Registrants as of 05/11/2022

Category	Status	#
License Massage Therapist	Active	2281
License Massage Therapist	Inactive	251
Registered Massage Practitioner	Active	1553
Registered Massage Practitioner	Inactive	87



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Advisory Committee – (Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT)

**2023 Concept Papers** – The committee has finalized the two concept papers. **Concept Paper 1:** Proposes updates to the disciplinary process, including language to address “stay,” during appeals of a Board Order; changes to the definition of massage therapy to clarify “for compensation”; and, changing “misdemeanor” to “felony”. **Concept Paper 2:** Removal of section §6-403; broader definition of massage therapy to include “acupressure,” and the removal of the word “treatment.” The Board voted to accept the proposed amendments submitted by the Advisory Committee for the 2023 legislative session.

**Licensing Committee** – No report.

**ACTIONS FROM APRIL 27, 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 – April 2022**  
Motion to accept the entire group of LMT's & RMP's as a whole group was made by Paula Jilanis; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kirsten Bodnarchuk. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

### New LMT's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06291	Sheppard, Leah L.	04/07/2022
M06292	Whaling, Erin A.	04/07/2022
M06293	Hernandez, Eli E.	04/13/2022
M06294	Clyde, Lahnuntluanga	04/13/2022
M06295	Keels-Gaymon, Tia E.	04/25/2022

**Total 5**

### RMP to LMT Conversion

**None**



## New RMP's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
R03468	Borlick, Patrick	04/07/2022
R03469	Smith, Isaiah M.	04/07/2022
R03470	Cooney, Jennifer A.	04/07/2022
R03471	Molesworth, Kelly B.	04/07/2022
R03472	Song, Yuling	04/07/2022
R03475	Reed, Donica A.	04/25/2022
R03476	Fu, Kequin	04/29/2022

**Total 9**

**REVIEW ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN – None**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Next Meeting – June 22, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.**

**Open Session Meeting Adjourned** – Motion to adjourn Open Session Meeting at 10:25 a.m. by Stephen Conti; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paula Jilanis. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Margaret Hayes by SGD*

Margaret Hayes, Consumer Member  
Secretary/Treasurer



**STATE OF MARYLAND**  
**BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS**  
**OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING**  
**May 25, 2022 – 10:01 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.**

**CALL IN PARTICIPANTS**

1. Chelsea Adams-Cook
2. Lynne Brummitt
3. Michelle England
4. Hunter Irons
5. David Madon