



State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

HYBRID

January 24, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. to 10:21 a.m.

Members Present

Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT, Board Chair
Stephen Conti, LMT, Vice Chair
Margaret Hayes, MS, Secretary/Treasurer
Sabrina Lopez, LMT, Board Member
Eddie Souza, LMT, Board Member
Dynasty Crawford, LMT, Board Member
Diane Jones Richards, BS, Board Member

Non-Members Present

Sharon Oliver, MBA, Executive Director
Clarine Henderson, Investigator Supervisor
Tony DeFranco, AAG, Board Counsel
Corinne Leith, Massage Licensing Coordinator
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist
T. Nicole Cullings, Investigator
Stallie Edmonds, IV, Administrative Specialist
Nate Mitchell, IT Programmer

Call to Order at 10:00 a.m. by Board Chair

On January 24, 2024, the hybrid Open Session of the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners was held at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Room 110, Baltimore, MD 21215. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Board Chair Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT. Roll call was taken and all Board Members were present.

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

Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for December 13, 2023 – Stephen Conti motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes for December 13, 2023; 2nd by Dynasty Crawford. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

REPORTS & MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

BOARD CHAIR REPORTS – (*Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT*) – Kirsten Bodnarchuk welcomed everyone to the Board Meeting and wished a Happy New Year to all.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Nate Mitchell, IT Programmer – Sharon Oliver introduced Nate Mitchell, IT Programmer to the Board.

YTD Financial Position – A total of \$786, 262.00 were allocated to fund the Board's operations in



Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. Expenditures through December 2023 totaled \$326,263.55, resulting in a balance of \$459,998.45 remaining to fund Board operations through June 30, 2024.

Staffing Update – Applications for the Licensing Unit Manager position are being reviewed and interviews scheduled over the next two weeks.

2024 Legislative Information for Board Members – The information sheet explains the role of the Legislative Liaison, the positions the Board can take on a bill, and the role of the Advisory Committee.

Delegation of Authority to Advisory Committee – The Board was reminded of the delegation of authority by the Board to the Advisory Committee to review and take positions on bills during the legislative session.

Bylaws – Sharon Oliver and Margaret Hayes will review the bylaws to determine if updates are needed.

FARB Forum January 25-27, 2024, in Dallas, TX – Sharon Oliver and Kirsten Bodnarchuk, are scheduled to attend the FARB Forum in Dallas, TX on January 25-27, 2024.

Legislative Bills of Interest

- SB0003 - Health Occupations - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses - Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting. **Board Position-Letter of Concern. The Board approved this position.**
- SB0054 - Occupational Licensing and Certification – Criminal History – Prohibited Disclosures and Predetermination Review Process. **Board Position-Letter of Concern. The Board approved this position.**
- SB0221 - Health Occupations Boards – Reciprocal Licensure and Certification. **Board Position-No position. The Board approved this position.**

Financial Disclosures – Financial Disclosures are due April 30, 2024.

LICENSING UNIT REPORT – (*Sharon J. Oliver, MBA*)

Current Licensure Statistics Active Licensees/Registrants as of January 16, 2024

Category	Status	Prior Month	Current Month	Change
License Massage Therapist	Active	2091	2129	+37
License Massage Therapist	Inactive	228	226	-2
Registered Massage Practitioner	Active	1491	1492	+1
Registered Massage Practitioner	Inactive	103	102	-1



RMP to LMT Conversions – The Licensing Unit has received 52 conversion applications since January 2, 2024. To date, 34 applications have been processed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Committee – (*Stephen Conti, LMT*) – The Advisory Committee awaits a Senate sponsor for the Massage bills. Lillian Reese reported the Physicians’ Board is in opposition to Senate Bill 0054. This bill was referred back to the Advisory Committee for review.

CEU Committee – (*Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT*) – No report.

Licensing Committee – (*Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT*) – The committee recommended applying the conversion metrics in COMAR 10.65.01.06(F) to out-of-state applicants for LMT qualification The Board approved the committee’s recommendation.

Actions from December 13, 2023, Closed Session. The Board did not conduct a Closed Session.

Applicant(s) Ratifications

Ratification of Board Issued Licenses and Registrations LMT’s & RMP’s – November & December 2023. – Motion to ratify all LMTs & RMPs as a group by Dynasty Crawford; 2nd by Sabrina Lopez. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

New LMT’s

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06428	WITHNELL, MELISSA A.	11/01/2023
M06429	GONZALEZ, KYLA A.	11/01/2023
M06430	JONES, CHERYL R.	11/01/2023
M06432	SANTMYER, BRIDGET C.	11/13/2023
M06435	RUXTON, MICHAEL A.	11/17/2023
M06436	SMITH-PINELO, SUSAN	11/17/2023
M06437	GRAHAM, STACEY A.	11/27/2023
M06438	FERREIRA, ZOE NOVAK	12/01/2023
M06439	HAWKINS, SAGE-MARIE R.	12/05/2023
M06440	DIVJAK, LAURA S.	12/07/2023
M06442	DIPASQUALE, CECILIA R.	12/15/2023
M06443	CORCORAN, VERONICA I.	12/15/2023
M06447	WEI, CHINGTING	12/27/2023
M06448	COLANDREA, ALEXIS C.	12/27/2023

Total 14

RMP to LMT Conversion

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06427	KIDWELL, COREY D.	02/24/2015
M06431	NEWLON, PATRICIA MEGAN	03/11/2016
M06433	STABILE, KYLE N.	03/25/2014
M06434	WILLIAMS, TESHARA N.	06/21/2023
M06441	LI, YAO	05/30/2014
M06444	RICCIUTI, CHRISTINA M.	07/17/2018
M06445	STEWART, CHARMINIQUE A.	08/27/2018
M06446	JOHNSON, TAQUITA A.	07/02/2015

Total 8

NEW RMP's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
R03665	HENRY, CEIMONE A.	11/01/2023
R03666	BRANDT, HILLARI L.	11/01/2023
R03667	WANG, WEI CHI	11/03/2023
R03668	HENSON, IVAN	11/03/2023
R03669	SHARIF, ANYA K.	11/07/2023
R03670	ATTAH, ANNIEKA A.	11/07/2023
R03671	HOLDEN, LUCAS	11/07/2023
R03672	LOWERY-JACKSON, JENNIFER L.	11/13/2023
R03673	WIRT, KODY L.	11/15/2023
R03674	WILLIAMS, TIERRA S.	11/17/2023
R03675	RELIFORD, DANA J.	11/17/2023
R03676	BOGGS, GEOFFREY S.C.	11/27/2023
R03677	YIANNOURIS, EREINI	11/27/2023
R03678	LYONS, JENNIFER C.	11/27/2023
R03679	REED, FRANCES K.	11/27/2023
R03680	BOHN, ISAIAH	11/27/2023
R03681	McKNIGHT, TAHJONAY T.N.	11/28/2023
R03682	HUFFMAN, KIMBERLY J.	12/04/2023
R03683	SWEET, JR., EUGENE V.	12/08/2023
R03684	MEARS, EUNHEE	12/11/2023
R03685	SHAO, XUEFENG	12/12/2023
R03686	GREEN, JAZZE J.	12/18/2023
R03687	ROSS, DASIA N.	12/18/2023



R03688	BACHINGER, MATTHEW M.	12/20/2023
R03689	LAVENDER, TIANA J.	12/21/2023
R03690	CHAMBERS, JAMILAH A.	12/27/2023

Total 26

MEETING FINALIZATION

Next Meeting – February 28, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. (Hybrid)

Open Session Meeting Adjourned – Motion to adjourn Open Session at 10:21 a.m. by Eddie Souza; 2nd by Stephen Conti. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret Hayes", written over a horizontal line.

Margaret Hayes, MS, Consumer Member
Secretary/Treasurer



STATE OF MARYLAND
BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS
HYBRID OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING
January 24, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. to 10:21 a.m.

VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS

1. Zakiyyah Holmes, Office of the Secretary, Boards and Commissions
2. Kimberly Link, Advisor to the Secretary
3. Lillian Reese, Legislative Liaison
4. Chelsea Adams-Cook
5. Lynne Brumitt
6. Tia Sherna Bush, LMT
7. Michelle England
8. Ashley Hernandez, FSMTB
9. Leeann Irwin