



State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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4201 PATTERSON AVENUE • SUITE 301
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Hybrid

May 22, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. to 10:13 a.m.

Members Present

Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT, Board Chair
Stephen Conti, LMT, Vice Chair-*Absent*
Margaret Hayes, MS, Secretary/Treasurer
Sabrina Lopez, LMT, Board Member
Eddie Souza, LMT, Board Member
Dynasty Crawford, LMT, Board Member
Ismael V. Canales, Consumer Board Member

Non-Members Present

Sharon Oliver, MBA, Executive Director
Charlene Faison, Licensing Unit Manager
Tony DeFranco, AAG, Board Counsel
Corinne Leith, Massage Licensing Coordinator
Clarine Henderson Supervisor Investigator
Pamela Alston, Admin. Specialist
Nate Mitchell, IT Programmer

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

On May 22, 2024, the Open Session meeting of the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners was held in-person. 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 & Staff were present except Stephen Conti, LMT.

Review/Approval of the Amended Open Session Agenda – Sabrina Lopez motioned to accept the Amended Open Session Agenda; 2nd by Margaret Hayes. The motion passed. Board Vote: 6/0/0.

Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for April 24, 2024 – Dynasty Crawford motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes for April 24, 2024; 2nd by Eduardo Souza. The motion passed. Board Vote: 6/0/0.

REPORTS & MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION

BOARD CHAIR REPORTS – (*Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT*)

Welcome to new Board Member Ismael “Vince” Canales – Kirsten Bodnarchuk welcomed Consumer Board Member Vince Canales to the Board. Vince is a former Prince George’s County police officer and United States Air Force Veteran. Welcome to the Board Vince!



Executive Director PEP Review: Sharon Oliver – Kirsten Bodnarchuk announced that Sharon Oliver’s Performance Review (PEP) is forthcoming. Both Kirsten Bodnarchuk and Chiropractic Board President Paul Abosh are preparing for the review. Board members are encouraged to submit comments for the PEP review.

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

Welcome Charlene Faison, Licensing Unit Manager – Sharon Oliver introduced Charlene Faison, Licensing Unit Manager to the Board. Charlene hails from a State of Maryland Agency and brings a wealth of knowledge and leadership to the Board. Welcome to the Board Charlene!

YTD Financial Position –The total allocated expenditures for fiscal year 2024 is \$786,262.00. The total year-to-date expenses is \$433,365.00. The remaining appropriation balance through June 30, 2024, is \$352,896.99.

Licensing Unit Report – *(Sharon J. Oliver, MBA)*

Current Licensing Statistics

Active Licensees / Registrants as of April 16, 2024

Category	Status	Prior Month	Current Month	Change
Licensed Massage Therapist	Active	2294	2314	20
Licensed Massage Therapist	Inactive	221	220	-1
Registered Massage Practitioner	Active	1395	1390	-5
Registered Massage Practitioner	Inactive	102	102	-

2024 Renewals – The Massage Board is preparing for the 2024-2026 renewal season. To facilitate this process, they will collaborate with the IT departments. Licensees will receive reminders via email regarding key renewal dates. The renewal portal will open mid-August.

Committee Reports

Advisory Committee – *(Stephen Conti, LMT)*

Massage Bills signed on May 16, 2024, On May 16, 2024, Sharon Oliver, Kirsten Bodnarchuk, and Stephen Conti attended the signing of HB1497, Scope of Practice, Reinstatements, and Examinations, and HB1498, Aiding or Abetting in Unauthorized Practice (as a felony), in Annapolis by Governor Moore. HB1497 and HB1498 go into effect July 1, 2024. Congratulations on a job well done!



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

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

MATTERS FOR NOTATION

Actions from April 24, 2024, Closed Session – The Board did not conduct a Closed Session.

Applicants Ratifications

Ratification of Board Issued Licenses and Registrations LMTs & RMP’s – Motion to approve all Board Issued Licenses and Registrations LMTs & RMP’s and Conversions as a group by Dynasty Crawford; 2nd by Margaret Hayes. The motion passed. Board Vote: 6/0/0.

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APRIL 2024

NEW LMTS

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06621	RICHARDS, HOLLY R.	04/16/2024
M06625	DAVENPORT, LEAH K.	04/17/2024
M06637	CROWDER, OLIN Y.	04/08/2024
M06638	CROWDER, LAURA D.	04/08/2024

Total 4

RMP to LMT Conversion

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06625	DAVENPORT, LEAH K.	04/17/2024
M06626	LIU, SHIXIU	04/17/2017
M06627	TRACY, BRENDA JEAN	05/29/2019
M06628	WARSHAW, ABBY B.	06/15/2012
M06629	CANNALIATO, JEANETTE L.	09/09/2020
M06630	XIAO, ABBY	04/18/2017
M06631	KELLY, TAJI M.	08/04/2021



M06632	ADAMS, PAMELA K.	11/17/2021
M06633	LIN, JING	06/20/2019
M06634	KRIKAVA, MIWA J.N.	09/07/2023
M06635	WILT, REBECCA L.	08/15/2007
M06636	MORLEY, SANDRA F.	01/24/2007
M06639	PAN, JINHUA	10/13/2015
M06640	WANG, HUILING	09/09/2014
M06641	ALLOCCO, RICHARD	07/12/2010
M06642	ANDREWS, ALANA	02/11/2022

Total 17

New RMP's

License Number	Name	Original License Date
R01148	HONG, SUNG Y.	04/29/2024
R03719	MACK, NEPHATIMA A.	04/10/2024
R03720	YU, DANYAN	04/10/2024
R03721	PALMER, SYDNEY M.	04/11/2024
R03722	LAWRENCE, SAMANTHA A.	04/17/2024
R03723	ZHANG, SHENG	04/18/2024
R03724	SALMERON, OLIVIA I.	04/22/2024
R03725	LUKASHONAK, NADZEYA	04/22/2024
R03726	HU, YI	04/22/2024
R03727	GAUTHIER, ABIGAIL M.	04/29/2024
R03728	LEI, YONGHUA	04/30/2024

Total 11

MEETING FINALIZATION

Miscellaneous – Sharon Oliver recommended to rename the Rehabilitation Committee as the Rehabilitation/Case Management Committee. The goal behind this consolidation is to establish a formalized processes and ensure consistent monitoring of disciplinary cases.

Review actions to be taken: None.

Next meeting – June 26, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. (Virtual).



Open Session Meeting Adjourned – Motion to adjourn Open Session at 10:13 a.m. by Sabrina Lopez; 2nd by Eddie Souza. The motion passed. Board Vote: 6/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret Hayes, by SSU

Margaret Hayes, MS, Consumer Member
Secretary/Treasurer



STATE OF MARYLAND BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS

HYBRID OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING

May 22, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. to 10:13 a.m.

VIRTUAL PARTICIPANTS

1. Kimberly Link, Advisor to the Secretary
2. Zakiyyah Holmes, Office of the Secretary, Boards and Commissions
3. Lillian Reese, Legislative Liaison
4. Mykenzie Francis
5. Chelsea Adams-Cook
6. Tia Sherna Bush, LMT
7. Regina Schneider