



# State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners

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BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215

## OPEN SESSION MINUTES

**Virtual**

**June 26, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. to 10:32 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  
Ismael V. Canales, Consumer Board Member

### Non-Members Present

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

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

On June 26, 2024, the Open Session of the Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners was held virtually. 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 and Staff were present.

**Review/Approval of the Amended Open Session Agenda** – Ismael Canales motioned to accept the Amended Open Session Agenda; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stephen Conti. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

**Review/Approval of the Open Session Minutes for May 22, 2024** – Sabrina Lopez motioned to accept the Open Session Minutes for May 22, 2024; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dynasty Crawford. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

### **REPORTS & MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION**

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

**2025 Concept Paper – Ratification** – The Executive Committee met and proposed increasing the size of the Massage Board from seven to nine board members. The two additional members would include one LMT and one consumer member. Board Discussion. The Board voted to accept the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

**CLEAR Update** – Kirsten Bodnarchuk announced Sharon Oliver as the recipient of the CLEAR Regulatory Excellence Individual Award. The award will be presented at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Conference in Baltimore, Maryland on September 16-19, 2024. Congratulations to Sharon Oliver!



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

**Nominations Committee** – Kirsten Bodnarchuk has volunteered to serve with Sharon Oliver on the Nominations Committee. Ballots will be distributed electronically. Voting for the Executive Committee will take place in September 2024.

**FSMTB Annual Conference, October 3-5, 2024, in Washington, D.C.** – The FSMTB Annual Conference registration begins in July. Stephen Conti will attend as Delegate and Eduardo Souza as Alternative Delegate.

**YTD Financial Position** –The total allocated expenditures for fiscal year 2024 is \$786,262.00. The total year-to-date expenses is \$556, 784.03. The remaining appropriation balance through June 30, 2024, is \$229, 477.97. The Year-to-Date Income Summary was reviewed. The total income received from Applications for Massage, Conversions from RMP to LMT, Reinstatements, and Licenses and Registrations is \$186,385.00.

**Staffing Update** – The Investigator position has been approved and posted on the DBM website. Special thank you to Clarine Henderson for diligently managing the caseload for Massage and Chiropractic Boards.

**Licensing Unit Report – (Charlene Faison, MFA)**

**Current Licensing Statistics  
Active Licensees / Registrants as of June 18, 2024**

Category	Status	Prior Month	Current Month	Change
Licensed Massage Therapist	Active	2314	2332	+18
Licensed Massage Therapist	Inactive	220	220	-
Registered Massage Practitioner	Active	1390	1397	+7
Registered Massage Practitioner	Inactive	102	102	-

**2024 Renewals** – The Licensing Unit is gearing up for the 2024-2026 renewal season. Charlene Faison reiterated the following reminders for renewal:

- **Deadline:** On or before October 31, 2024.
- License/Registration Expiration Date: October 31, 2024.
- Online Renewal Access starts on or about August 12, 2024.
- New inactive status changes and status continuations may also be completed online during the renewal period.
- All licenses and registrations must be renewed regardless of the original issue date of a license or registration.



<b>Fees:</b>	<b>LMT</b>	<b>RMP</b>
• Renewal Fee Charged August 2024 – October 31, 2024:	\$276	\$250
• Late Renewal Fee Charged November 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024:	\$476	\$450
• Reinstatement Fee Charges after November 30, 2024:	\$501	\$475
• Inactive Status Fee:	\$50	\$50
• Late Inactive Status Fee:	\$250	\$250

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Advisory Committee – (Stephen Conti, LMT)**

The Advisory Committee is working on updates to language in the recently passed Bills.

**Sunset Bill Review & Revision** – Lillian Reese suggested to change the Sunset Bill Extension Date from 10-years to 5-years. Motion to adjust the Sunset Bill Extension Date from 5-years to 10-years by Ismael Canales; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sabrina Lopez. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

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

**Licensing Committee – (Kirsten Bodnarchuk, LMT)**

To facilitate the approval process for applications, the LRC made a recommendation to the Board for the authority to approve waivers, exemptions, and extensions of time. Board Discussion. Motion to delegate authority to the Licensing Unit to approve waivers, exemptions and extensions of time, for continuing education. The Board is in favor of the recommendation of the LRC.

**MATTERS FOR NOTATION**

**Actions from May 22, 2024, Closed Session** – The Board did not conduct a Closed Session.

**Applicants Ratifications**

**Applicants Ratifications – Ratification of Board Issued Licenses and Registrations LMTs & RMP’s.**

**MAY 2024**

**NEW LMTS**

License Number	Name	Original License Date
M06650	NASSIDA, MELODY E.	05/30/2024

**Total 1**

**RMP to LMT Conversion**

<b>License Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Original License Date</b>
M06643	NORRIS, LORI A.	03/05/2014
M06644	BROWN, NONIKA A.	04/06/2012
M06645	ULLOA, MAGGIE GABRIELA	11/03/2010
M06646	HERBERT, LARVELL D.	03/08/2023
M06647	ENRIQUEZ, ARIEL O.	08/14/2019
M06648	HU, CHUNLI	03/31/2021
M06649	WANG, JIA	12/14/2022

**Total 7**

**NEW RMPs**

<b>License Number</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Original License Date</b>
R03729	LIU, QING	05/06/2024
R03730	CLARK, RHIANNON	05/06/2024
R03731	HAWKINS, EPIPHANY T.	05/14/2024
R03732	PROCTOR, SARAH J.	05/15/2024
R03733	ABDOO, TASHEKA V.	05/16/2024
R03734	HENRY, TAMELA D.	05/17/2024
R03735	SMITH, STACIA D.	05/21/2024
R03736	CRABB, MARIA D.	05/21/2024
R03737	YU, WENJING	05/21/2024
R03738	WANG, PEIDONG	05/23/2024
R03739	THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER O.	05/28/2024
R03740	WEAVER, YANXIA	05/30/2024
R03741	WILLSTAEDT, SUNNY A.	05/30/2024
R03742	NICKENS, BRITTANY L.	05/30/2024
R03743	BASILE, ALLISON RAE	05/30/2024

**Total 15**

**Ratification of Board Issued Licenses and Registrations LMTs & RMP's** – Motion to approve all Board Issued Licenses, Registrations (LMTs & RMP's) and Conversions as a group by Dynasty Crawford; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ismael Canales. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

**MEETING FINALIZATION**

**Miscellaneous**

**Review actions to be taken:** None.



**Next meeting – July 24, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. (Hybrid).**

**Open Session Meeting Adjourned** – Motion to adjourn Open Session at 10:32 a.m. by Stephen Conti; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dynasti Crawford. The motion passed. Board Vote: 7/0/0.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Margaret Hayes".

Margaret Hayes, MS, Consumer Member  
Secretary/Treasurer



# STATE OF MARYLAND BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS

**HYBRID OPEN SESSION BOARD MEETING**

**June 26, 2024 – 10:00 a.m. to 10:32 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. Chelsea Adams-Cook
5. Ashley Hernandez, FSMTB
6. Michelle England
7. Regina Schneider