

Board of Registration of Massage Therapy
January 12th, 2015 Public Session Meeting Minutes
Location: 1000 Washington St. Boston, MA 02118, Room 1D

Present:

Board members:

Alexei Levine, Board Chair
Paul Andrews, Board Member
Sheri A. Sarmento, Board Member
Ann Marie Kennedy

DPL Staff:

Ana Garcia, Assoc. Executive Director
Peter Kelley, Board Counsel
Wendy Barrientos, Board Administrator
Fei Chen, Board Administrator
Shawn Croke, Investigator

Board members not in attendance:

Matthew Olds
Jennie Pelletier

Item 1) 10:13 a.m. Meeting called to order

- **Housekeeping and Evacuation Procedure** – Associate Executive Director detailed the evacuation plan to be followed in the event of an emergency.

Item 2) 10:15 a.m. Board Meeting Minutes:

- Mr. Andrews moved to approve the Public & Executive Session minutes for the November 10th, 2014. Ms. Sarmento second. Motion passed unanimously. Board moved to table the December 8th Board meeting minutes for review at the February 9th board meeting.

Item 3) 10:32 a.m. Investigative Conference: New Cases-Appeals [closed session pursuant to MGL c. 112, §65C]

Mr. Andrews moved to suspend the open meeting and enter closed session to conduct an investigative conference pursuant to MGL c. 112, §65C to review and discuss cases, including appeals. Mr. Levine seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **MT-14-093 through MT-14-098 (SL)** -tabled for the February 9th monthly board meeting.

Mr. Andrews moved to exit Investigative Conference and enter into Executive Session. Ms. Kennedy seconded. Roll call vote, all “yes”.

Mr. Andrews moved to exit Executive Session to enter open session for Compliance Officer Review. Ms. Kennedy seconded. Roll call vote, all “yes”.

Item 4) 11:00 a.m. Application Review:

- **Appl. # 2714 (QL)**-Motion to deny Yali Qing as compliance officer made by Ms. Kennedy. Operator must submit a new compliance officer to appear before the board, Seconded by Mr. Andrews. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 5) 11:55 a.m. Candidate Interviews: [*Executive Session – closed session pursuant to G.L.30A*]

Mr. Andrews moved to enter into an Executive Session *pursuant to G.L.30A §21(1)* to discuss the character rather than competence of applicants for licensure. Mr. Levine seconded. **Roll call vote, all “yes”.**

After the Executive Session, the open meeting resumed.

Item 6) 12:37 p.m. Investigative Conference: Review Cases [*closed session pursuant to MGL c. 112, §65C*]

Mr. Andrews moved to suspend the open meeting and enter closed session to conduct an investigative conference, pursuant to *MGL c. 112, §65C* to review and discuss cases including appeals. Ms. Kennedy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Following the Investigative Conference the Board voted to take the following action:

- MT-15-082**-Fine reduced
- MT-15-080**-Dismiss without prejudice
- MT-15-156**-Deny motion for reconsideration

Item 7) 12:50 p.m. Final Decision and Order [*Deliberative Session: closed session pursuant to G.L.30A §18 (5) (d)*]

Board deliberated on the final decision and orders in the matters of:

- **MT-15-006**
- **MT-15-001**
- **MT-14-103**

After the Deliberative Session, the open meeting resumed.

Item 8) 12:54 p.m. Applicant Review

- **Appl.# 13547 (AC)**-Deny appeal from Board’s initial denial

Item 9) 1:00 p.m. **Open Session for topics:** *(not reasonably anticipated by chair 48 hours in advanced of meeting).*

- MT-15-021-Request for Board Member to attend public hearing on February 4th, 2015-board members in attendance could not attend. Will follow up with board members Matt Olds and Jennie Pelletier.
- Contact Solonge Lopes to obtain copies of all course materials and content of the Continuing Education certificated presented to the board at today's meeting.

Item 10) 1:06 p.m. **Adjournment**

Mr. Levine moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Andrews seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Wendy Solis
Board Administrator