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### **Board of Registration of Massage Therapy Subcommittee** **February 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

A public meeting of a validly-constituted and convened subcommittee of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Massage Therapy (the Subcommittee) was held remotely via video and telephone conferencing pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2022, allowing remote participation by Board members and the public. The purpose of the Subcommittee was to review and approve licensure applications.

Attending Subcommittee Members: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison

Attending Staff: Kerry Cassidy, Executive Director, Richard Holtz, Deputy General Counsel, Amanda Smith, Board Staff

#### **Meeting Called to Order**

- Remote meeting procedures- At approximately 1:01 p.m., Paul Andrews confirmed quorum, with at least two (2) participating members, via roll call vote, which showed the following members participating via remote means; Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, and Pallas Hutchison; Paul Andrews called the meeting to order.

#### **Board Business**

- The Subcommittee reviewed the Subcommittee meeting minutes for November 20, 2024. Motion was made to approve minutes as presented; So Moved by Pallas Hutchison; Seconded by Alexei Levine
  - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
  - Members in favor; Paul Andrews, Pallas Hutchison, and Alexei Levine
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed

#### **Application Review**

- 2024-214-MT-MT-APP [Arthur Pacheco] – Mr. Pacheco's application was reviewed at the November 20, 2024, Subcommittee meeting and was found to be deficient in Massage Theory and Technique by 150 hours. Mr. Pacheco submitted a certificate from the Dalton Myoskeletal Freedom From Pain Institute for a total of 230 hours. Alexei Levine inquired about the validity of the certification and if it was considered continuing education. Paul Andrews explained that there isn't a restriction from allowing the Board to accept post graduate education. Pallas Hutchison mentioned that in a previous Board




meeting, Peter Kelley stated that a certification program can differ from individual continuing education if it is similar to a course. It also appears that this certification is credentialed by a third party, such as NCBTMB. Motion was made to accept this certification in lieu of the 150 deficient massage technique hours and to move this application forward; So Moved by Pallas Hutchison; Seconded by Paul Andrews

- Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
- Members in favor; Paul Andrews, Pallas Hutchison, and Alexei Levine
- Members opposed: None; Motion passed

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:09 p.m.: So Moved by Pallas Hutchison; Seconded by Alexei Levine

- Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
- Members in favor; Paul Andrews, Pallas Hutchison, and Alexei Levine
- Members opposed: None; Motion passed

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Kerry Cassidy  
Executive Director

  
Paul Andrews  
Board Chair

List of Documents used in Subcommittee:

MT Subcommittee Agenda 02.19.2025  
MT Subcommittee Meeting Minutes 11.20.2024  
MT Applications for Review Spreadsheet  
Transcripts and Syllabus for Arthur Pacheco  
Certificate of Completion – Dalton Myoskeletal Freedom From Pain Institute