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### Board of Registration of Massage Therapy Subcommittee June 9, 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 2 of the Acts of 2025, allowing remote participation by Board members and the public. The purpose of the Subcommittee meeting was to review and make determinations as to licensure applications.

Attending Subcommittee Members: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Pallas Hutchison, and Anthony Chui

Attending Staff: Kerry Cassidy, Executive Director, Nirit Eriksson Board Counsel, Amanda Smith, Board Staff

#### Meeting Called to Order

- Remote meeting procedures- At approximately 10:01 AM, 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, and Anthony Chui; Paul Andrews called the meeting to order.

#### Application Review

- 250-MT-MT – Reinstate [Jennifer Scalise]- Ms. Scalise attended the Salter School which is now closed. Her license expired in 2008. The transcript is documented in credits and not hours. Kerry Cassidy asked Alexei Levine if he could assist with the conversion. He stated that he did some research prior to the meeting and it appeared that the most used conversion would be either 14 or 15 hours per credit. A brief discussion was held on when the curriculum changed from 500 hours to 650 hours. Kerry Cassidy stated that it was her understanding that change took place in 2010. Ms. Scalise attended school in 2006 and 2007; therefore, it is likely that her transcript will be based on the 500 hour requirement. Motion was made to calculate using 14 clock hours per credit for the Salter School and the purposes of evaluating this application; So Moved by Alexei Levine; Seconded by Pallas Hutchison
  - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote



- Members in favor; Paul Andrews, Pallas Hutchison, Alexei Levine, and Anthony Chui
- Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- 2024-349-MT-MT-APP [Jemma Thompson]- Ms. Thompson attended the International Professional School of Bodywork in 2006. Her application was found to be deficient in the Sciences, Ethics & Business, and Clinical. There is a surplus of hours in Massage Theory & Technique, but the hours obtained for Eastern Technique would not meet the definition of massage in Massachusetts. Ms. Thompson took the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage which would allow for 100 hours to be transferred into Massage Theory & Technique. She had a certification with California; however, per the current policy, the applicant must be licensed in another state or jurisdiction in order to substitute any of those hours for clinical. A suggestion was made to revisit the policy at a full Board meeting with the possibility of revising the language to include certification and licensure. Ms. Thompson also stated that she has contacted Bancroft regarding enrollment to address these deficiencies. This item has been tabled.
- 2025-5-MT-MT-APP [Heather Atkins]- Ms. Atkins attended Aloha Massage Academy in 2011, for a total of 420 hours and Lotus Blooms Massage Institute for 274 hours. Aloha Massage Academy is approved in Hawaii, but does appear to be an apprenticeship. After extensive research, Board staff has been unable to locate any information on Lotus Blooms Massage Institute. Paul Andrews stated that 269 Chapter 3.01 (2) (e) would preclude the Board from accepting apprenticeships and/or internships. Motion was made to reject the internship as education on this application; So Moved by Alexei Levine; Seconded by Pallas Hutchison
  - Paul Andrews called for a roll call vote
  - Members in favor; Paul Andrews, Pallas Hutchison, Alexei Levine, and Anthony Chui
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed

At 10:30 a.m., Pallas Hutchison moved to exit Public Session and enter into Executive Session pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(7) and G.L. c. 66, § 10 and G.L. c. 4, § 7, ¶ 26(c) to protect highly personal information relating to a named individual and preserve the confidentiality of student record information under 20 U.S.C. § 1232g and 230 CMR 15.03(1), (7)); So Moved by Pallas Hutchison; Seconded by Alexei Levine

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

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 AM; So Moved by Pallas Hutchison; Seconded by Alexei Levine.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Kerry Cassidy*  
Kerry Cassidy  
Executive Director

List of Documents used in Subcommittee:

MT Subcommittee Agenda 06.09.2025  
Transcript for Jennifer Scalise  
Transcript and Analysis for Jemma Thompson  
Transcripts and Analysis for Heather Atkins