

Board of Registration of Massage Therapy

MAY 24, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

A posted public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Massage Therapy (the Board) was held remotely via video and telephone conferencing pursuant to an Executive Order issued by the Governor of Massachusetts dated March 12, 2020 suspending certain provision of the open meeting law.

Attending: Members: Paul Andrews, Chair, Alexei Levine, Vice Chair, Ellen Walker Secretary, Kimberlee Schuler, Pallas Hutchison
Members absent: Sheri Miller-Bedau
Staff: Danielle O'Neil, Executive Director and Sheila York, Board Counsel

MT Public Meeting
Monday, May 10, 2021 10:00AM-12:27PM

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Meeting Called to Order

- Remote meeting procedures – Paul Andrews noted we had a quorum and confirmed quorum via roll call vote which showed the following members participating via remote means: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine (joined at 9:14am), Ellen Walker, Kimberlee Schuler, Pallas Hutchison; Mr. Andrews then called the meeting to order at 9:10am.

Hearing

- 2020-001232-IT-ENF [Shujuan Bian] – Sanctions hearing held in this matter. The official record of the hearing will be in the administrative record created with all the exhibits and the recording of the hearing. Opening statements were made by both attorneys; several questions were asked by Board members and Attorney Brady; no questions asked by Attorney Hu; closing statements were made at 10:30am.
- Sheila York raised a concern regarding public access to the published link; Danielle O'Neil had not received any emails or communication from the public regarding access to the session; Mark Molloy mentioned the notice appeared in a different area than usual on the public posting, but that he was able to attend the meeting as a public observer.

Discussion

- Policy on Distance Learning for Board Approved MT Schools – Sheila York to wordsmith the policy including change noted by Alexei Levine, adding a new

Section 4: All assessments shall be conducted in person and moving old Section 4 to Section 5

- Sheila York questioned if Covid based remote should be extended to August 31st; Alexei Levine said no as the State of Emergency, which it is based on, will be lifted on June 15th. Changes will be made and posted in 24-48 hours pending approval by DPL
- Bring to June Board meeting for further review and discussion
- Motion to accept policy as updated and send to DPL for approval; So Moved by Alexei Levine, seconded by Kimberlee Schuler
 - Paul Andrews held roll call vote
 - Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Ellen Walker, Kimberlee Schuler, Pallas Hutchison
 - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- Paul Andrew requested a Policy Refresher be added to June agenda as we have a new Board member; Danielle O'Neil will send a New Board Member packet to all members prior to the June event

At 1:38PM Motion to Adjourn by Kimberlee Schuler, Pallas Hutchison seconded,

- Paul Andrews held roll call vote:
- Members in favor: Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Ellen Walker, Kimberlee Schuler, Pallas Hutchison
- Members opposed: None; Motion passed

Adjourn at 1:38PM

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Walker
Board Secretary

List of Documents used in Public Session:

Policy on Distance Learning for Board Approved MT Schools