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**Board of Registration of Massage Therapy**

**AUGUST 8, 2022 PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

A posted public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Massage Therapy (the Board) 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.

Attending Members: Paul Andrews/Chair, Alexei Levine/Vice Chair, Ellen Walker/Secretary, Sheri Miller-Bedeau, Kimberlee Schuler and Pallas Hutchison

Staff: Caitriona Taylor, Executive Director and Kristina Gasson, Board Counsel

**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, Sheri Miller-Bedeau, Kimberlee Schuler, Pallas Hutchison and Ellen Walker; Sheri Miller-Bedeau left the meeting at 11:48AM; Andrews called the meeting to order at 10:00am

**Board Meeting Business**

- Review and Approve Public Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2022  
Motion to approve minutes as is; So Moved by Kimberlee Schuler; Seconded by Sheri Miller-Bedeau
  - Paul Andrews voted by roll call vote
  - Members in favor: All
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- Review and Approve Executive Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2022  
Motion to approve minutes as is; So Moved by Kimberlee Schuler; Seconded by Ellen Walker
  - Paul Andrews voted by roll call vote
  - Members in favor: All
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed

**Executive Director Report and Board Discussion, Including**



After a discussion on the current reinstatement application process, the Board took the following actions on reinstatement applications –

- 1-5 Year application approved as revised and corrected, and with allowing any legal or administrative updates without having to get additional Board approval; So Moved by Ellen Walker; Seconded by Pallas Hutchison
  - Paul Andrews voted by roll call vote
  - Members in favor: All
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- 5 Year application approved as revised and corrected, and with allowing any legal or administrative updates without having to get additional Board approval; So Moved by Alexei Levine; Seconded by Kimberlee Schuler
  - Paul Andrews voted by roll call vote
  - Members in favor: All
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- Updated reference pages approved as revised and corrected, and with allowing any legal or administrative updates without having to get additional Board approval; So Moved by Kimberlee Schuler; Seconded by Pallas Hutchison
  - Paul Andrews voted by roll call vote
  - Members in favor: All
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed

### **Board Counsel Report**

Board Counsel Kristina Gasson gave an update on the extension of virtual Board meetings through March 2023. Ms. Gasson shared that the revised regulations are moving forward and are noted as the highest priority. The agency is preparing for several Boards, including Allied Health and Allied Mental Health, to move over to Department of Public Health by the end of 2022.

### **Curriculum Review**

The Board reviewed the additional curriculum information supplied by Spirit Wellness Institute and there was a Motion to approve as submitted; So Moved by Alexei Levine; Seconded by Ellen Walker

- Paul Andrews voted by roll call vote
- Members in favor: All
- Members opposed: None; Motion passed

### **Compliance monitoring**

After reviewing the compliance monitoring report submitted for 2019-000708-IT-ENF (EM), the Board asked the Compliance Monitor to appear and provide information to address these issues:

- More detail on the visits and what she specifically reviewed
- Whether the review included paperwork, establishment, and interaction with the clients
- Whether the review included notes and consent to treatment

Motion to request additional information to request that the above items be addressed; So Moved by Paul Andrews; Seconded by Sheri Miller-Bedeau

- Paul Andrews voted by roll call vote
- Members in favor: All
- Members opposed: None; Motion passed

### **Open for Public Comment**

### **Discuss other matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting**

Kimberlee Schuler asked if establishments will be inspected every year. Board Counsel Kristina Gasson noted that the Investigators do try to go to each city/town each year.

At 10:37am, Motion to go into Closed Executive Session and not to return to the public meeting; So Moved by Alexei Levine, Seconded by Sheri Miller-Bedeau.

- Paul Andrews voted by roll call vote
- Members in favor: All
- Members opposed: None; Motion passed

**Executive Session Conference** *[Closed pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, §21(a)(7), to comply with the public record law pursuant to G. L. c. 66, § 10; G. L. c. 4 § 7, ¶ 26(a) and to preserve the confidentiality protections of criminal record information. G. L. c. 6, § 172.]*

At 10:58am, Motion to leave Executive Session Conference and go into Closed Investigative Conference and Quasijudicial Session; So moved by Sheri Miller-Bedeau, Seconded by Ellen Walker.

- Paul Andrews voted by roll call vote
- Members in favor: All
- Members opposed: None; Motion passed

### **Investigative Conference Closed Session [Closed session pursuant to G.L. c. 112, §65C]:**

The Board took the following actions in closed Investigative Conference

2022-000064-IT-ENF (JG)	Refer back to Investigations
2019-000523-IT-ENF (LZ)	Dismiss with Advisory
2022-000604-IT-ENF (AW)	Refer back to Investigations
2021-001096-IT-ENF (DB)	The Board reviewed the settlement offer

At 11:48am, Sheri Miller-Bedeau left the meeting.

2020-000760-IT-ENF (PM)	The Board reviewed the settlement offer
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The following cases were dismissed without prejudice:

2020-001575-IT-ENF	2020-001490-IT-ENF
2020-001578-IT-ENF	2020-001497-IT-ENF
2020-001508-IT-ENF	2020-001352-IT-ENF

**Quasijudicial Session /Closed adjudicatory session pursuant to G. L. c. 30A, § 18, ¶ 5(d)/**

The Board took the following actions in closed Quasijudicial Session:

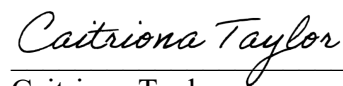
2022-000430-IT-ENF (NX) Motion to issue final decision and order to revoke license by default.

Motion to adjourn Kimberlee Schuler, Seconded by Pallas Hutchinson.

- Paul Andrews voted by roll call vote
- Members in favor: All
- Members absent: Sheri Miller-Bedeau
- Members opposed: None; Motion passed

Adjourned at 12:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Caitriona Taylor



Paul Andrews  
Board Chair

Approved at the Public Meeting of August 29, 2022.

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List of Documents used in Public Session:

MT Public Agenda 8.8.22  
Draft Public Minutes 7.11.22  
Draft Executive Session Minutes 7.11.22  
MT Reinstatement Application 1-5 years  
MT Reinstatement Application over 5 years  
MT Reference forms  
Spirit Wellness Curriculum Review

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