

Board of Registration of Massage Therapy  
**MAY 9, 2022 PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**

A public meeting of the Massachusetts Board of Registration of Massage Therapy (the Board) was held remotely via video and telephone conferencing pursuant to Chapter 22 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, Kimberlee Schuler and Pallas Hutchison

Non-Attending Members: Sheri Miller-Bedeau

Staff: Caitríona 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, Kimberlee Schuler, Pallas Hutchison and Ellen Walker; Member not present: Sheri Miller-Bedeau; Paul Andrews called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

**Board Meeting Business**

- Officer Vote – Motion to nominate Paul Andrews as Chair by Pallas Hutchison, Seconded by Ellen Walker
  - Paul Andrews voted by roll call vote
  - Members in favor: All
  - Members not present: Sheri Miller-Bedeau
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- Officer Vote – Motion to nominate Alexei Levine as Vice Chair by Ellen Walker, Seconded by Paul Andrews
  - Paul Andrews voted by roll call vote
  - Members in favor: All
  - Members not present: Sheri Miller-Bedeau
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- Officer Vote – Motion to nominate Ellen Walker as Secretary by Paul Andrews, Seconded by Pallas Hutchison
  - Paul Andrews voted by roll call vote
  - Members in favor: All
  - Members not present: Sheri Miller-Bedeau
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed

- Review and Approve Public Meeting Minutes April 11, 2022 – Motion to approve as is; So Moved by Kimberlee Schuler, Seconded by Ellen Walker
  - Paul Andrews voted by roll call vote
  - Members in favor: All
  - Members not present: Sheri Miller-Bedeau
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed
- Review and Approve Executive Meeting Minutes April 11, 2022 – Motion to approve as is; So Moved by Kimberlee Schuler, Seconded by Ellen Walker Officer Vote
  - Paul Andrews voted by roll call vote
  - Members in favor: All
  - Members not present: Sheri Miller-Bedeau
  - Members opposed: None; Motion passed

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

#### **Portal work**

- Executive Director Caitríona Taylor gave an update on the AMTA MASS Chapter conference. She thanked Greg Hurd for the invitation to attend.

#### **Board Counsel Report**

- Board Counsel Kristina Gasson shared that the regulation review process was still moving forward.

#### **Correspondence and Discussion**

- Brazilian Lymphatic Drainage Massage by Josie Rushing – The Board discussed if this is the type of program they should be approving and invited Josie Rushing to the June Board meeting to learn more about the program. The Board noted that since Josie Rushing is a Texas massage therapy license holder, she must include her Texas license status in her advertising. The Board advised Ms. Rushing to connect with Chiropractic, Cosmetology and Allied Health Boards to determine if the curriculum falls under the scope of those boards.

#### **Compliance Monitoring**

- 2020-0011109-IT-ENF (JK) – Tabled until June.

**Discuss other matters not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance of meeting –** There were no matters not reasonably anticipated discussed by the Board.

**Open for Public Comment** There was no comment by public attendees.

At 10:26AM, Motion to go into Closed Executive Session and not to return to the public meeting; So Moved by Ellen Walker, Seconded by Kimberlee Schuler

- Paul Andrews voted by roll call vote
- Members in favor: All

- Members not present: Sheri Miller-Bedeau
- 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]*

The Board discussed matters of character not competence with respect to applications for licensure during the closed executive session.

At 11:30am, Motion to go into closed Investigative Conference; So Moved by Ellen Walker, Seconded by Kimberlee Schuler

- Paul Andrews voted by roll call vote
- Members in favor: All
- Members not present: Sheri Miller-Bedeau
- Members opposed: None; Motion passed

Member Pallas Hutcheson left the closed meeting at 11:45 a.m. and returned at 12:36 p.m.

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

During closed Investigative Conference, the Board took the following actions:

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| • 2022-201461-FI-ENF (BB)  | Reduced fine from \$1000 to \$500 |
| • 2022-202151-IT-ENF (WF)  | Waive fine with advisory          |
| • 2022-200793-FI-ENF (HO)  | Open a new compliant              |
| • 14336-MT-MT (WW)         | Open a new compliant              |
| • 2021-000808-IT-ENF (BHS) | Refer to Prosecutions             |
| • 2022-000063-IT-ENF (LJ)  | Tabled to June                    |
| • 2022-000189-IT-ENF (FP)  | Back to investigations.           |
| • 2022-000101-IT-ENF (CM)  | Dismiss with advisory             |
| • 2022-000300-IT-ENF (LL)  | Refer to Prosecutions             |
| • 2022-000333-IT-ENF (AB)  | Refer to Prosecutions             |

At 12:52PM, Motion to Motion to adjourn; So Moved by Kimberlee Schuler, Seconded by Ellen Walker

- Paul Andrews voted by roll call vote
- Members in favor: All
- Members not present: Sheri Miller-Bedeau
- Members opposed: None; Motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

*Caitriona Taylor*

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Caitriona Taylor  
Executive Director

*Paul Andrews*

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Paul Andrews  
Board Chair

List of Documents used in Public Session:

- MT Public Agenda 5.9.22
- Draft Public Minutes 1.10.22
- Draft Executive Session Minutes 1.11.22
- Draft Public Minutes 4.11.22
- Brazilian Lymphatic Drainage Massage by Josie Rushing email