

**Board of Registration of Massage Therapy
January 13, 2020, Public Session Meeting Minutes
Location: 1000 Washington St., Boston, MA 02118, Room 1D
Public Session Minutes**

Present:

Board members:

Paul Andrews, Vice Chair
Alexei Levine, Board Member
Mindy Ruddock, Board Member
Saskia Coté, Board Chair
Ellen Walker, Board Member

DPL Staff:

Ana Garcia, Executive Director
Bruce Hopper, Covering Board Counsel
Lauren McShane, Chief Investigator

Item 1) 10:05 a.m. Meeting called to order:

- **Housekeeping and Evacuation Procedure-** Executive Director Garcia detailed the evacuation plan to be followed in the event of an emergency. Do not use the elevators, exit down the stairwell and go across Harrison Ave. to Whole Foods parking lot.

Item 2) 10:07 a.m. Board Business:

- **Public Session Minutes for November 19, 2019-** Mr. Andrews moved to table minutes, Ms. Cote seconded. All in favor.

Item 3) 10:11 a.m. Compliance Monitoring:

- **20140210MT093 through 098-IT-ENF [Solange Lopes]-**Ms. Cote motioned to table for February, Mr. Andrews seconded. All in favor.
- **2019-000320-IT-ENF [Shengze Guo]-**Board reviewed reports #1 & 2 and corrective action plan. Ms. Walker motioned to table the reports and request an invite for the license monitor. Mr. Levine seconded. All in favor.

At 10:13 a.m. Mr. Andrews motioned to move to schedule item board correspondence. Ms. Cote seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 4) 10:14 a.m. Correspondence:

- **Email dated 11/22/2019 from Greg Hurd to Board of Massage Therapy re: Moxibustion-**Board had previously discussed this email at December board meeting, moxibustion is a way to create heat & infrared (a form of heat) which is within the massage therapy scope of practice. Board chair Andrews explained that it would be up to the practitioner to determine if moxibustion leans towards eastern modalities based on their approach.

At 10:19 Mr. Andrews motioned to move to schedule item application reviews. Ms. Cote seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 5) 10:20 a.m. Application Review:

- **2019-504-MT-MT-APP [Shih Hsui Lo]**- Ms. Cote motioned to table this application in order to get further information from the Texas licensing board regarding when this applicant was licensed in their state and when their Texas license became null & void. Mr. Andrews seconded.
- **2019-592-MT-MT-APP [Yanchun Si]**- Mr. Andrews motioned to table this and invite the applicant to the February Meeting. Mr. Levine seconded.

At 10:32 a.m. Mr. Andrews moved to exit open session and enter into closed session for the purpose of conducting investigative conferences, review cases and settlement conferences pursuant to MGL c. 112, §65C; MGL. C. 30A, § 18, 5 (d). Mr. Levine seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 6) 10:33 a.m. Investigative Conference: Review Cases: [closed session pursuant to MGL. C. 112 §65C]

During investigatory conference, the Board took the following action:

- 2019-000708-IT-ENF [EM] **Forward to Prosecutions**
- 2019000729-IT-ENF [ED] **Tabled for March**
- 2019-001004-IT-ENF [MP] **Tabled for February**
- 2019-001136-IT-ENF [MC-EH] **Tabled for February**
- 2019-000603-IT-ENF [JMZ] **Forward to Prosecutions**
- 2019-000982-IT-ENF [RA] **Tabled for February**
- 2018-00056-IT-ENF [HT] **Forward to Prosecutions**
- 2018-000591-IT-ENF[GM] **Dismissed**
- 2019-00403-IT-ENF [BJ] **Reconsideration denied**
- 2018-000711-IT-ENF [YL] **Dismissed**
- 2019-208859-FI-ENF [EG] **Dismissed w/ advisory**

Item 8) 2:54 p.m. Adjournment:

Mr. Andrews motioned to move into open session and adjourn the meeting. Mr. Levine seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Hawley

Board Administrator