

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Board of Registration of Massage Therapy
1000 Washington Street Boston, MA 02118

JUNE 8, 2020 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 provisions of the open meeting law.

Attending: Members: Saskia Cote, Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Mindy Ruddock, Ellen Walker
Members absent: none
Staff: Eboni Lewis, Danielle O'Neil and Peter Kelley

Chairperson Saskia Cote noted a quorum of members present (4) and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order Saskia Cote – 10:00am

Evacuation procedures: N/A

Introductions: Danielle O'Neil new director and members of the public

Board Meeting Business

May 11 Minutes approved with one change; #4 FSMT Disciplinary should be Status

Motion to approve May 11, 2020 minutes with change – Saskia Cote; seconded by Paul Andrews, and voted by roll call:

Members in favor: Saskia Cote, Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Mindy Ruddock, Ellen Walker

Members opposed: None; Motion passed.

Directors Report – None submitted

Given the large public turnout, Saskia Cote indicated members of the public could make brief comments, whether or not they chose to identify themselves, and reminded them to go to MT website for links to guidelines and checklist

Board Counsel Report – Peter Kelley submitted FSMTB proposed resolution this morning for review at next meeting. Andrews and Cote expressed concern for the timeline and proposed new meeting to review the draft. Will be taken up as new business.

Correspondence: Recommendation by Mr. Levine to postpone discussion of 8/28/20 correspondence from Greg Hurd regarding distance learning to next regularly scheduled meeting. Board agreed.

New Business – Next meeting on 6/22 at 10:00am Motioned to accept the new meeting date, by Saskia Cote; seconded by Paul Andrews, passed by roll call vote: Members in favor: Saskia Cote, Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Mindy Ruddock, Ellen Walker; Members opposed: None

Motion to exit open session and enter executive session 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 10:30am by Ms.Coté and seconded by Mr. Andrews. Following a roll call vote, all in favor, the motion passed.

Members in favor: Saskia Cote, Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Mindy Ruddock, Ellen Walker

Members opposed: None. Saskia Cote estimated that public session would resume in 20 minutes.

Motion to exit open session, and enter closed session pursuant to G. L. c. 112, § 65C to conduct investigatory conferences by Paul Andrews; seconded by Alexei Levine.

Following a role call vote,

Members in favor: Saskia Cote, Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Mindy Ruddock, Ellen Walker

Members opposed: None. The motion passed.

During closed G.L. c. 112, s. 65C session, the Board took the following actions:

2019-001230-IT-ENF	Dismiss with advisory letter
2019-001494-IT-ENF	Forward to prosecutions
2020-2525-MR-REN	Read and filed

Mindy Ruddock announced this was her last meeting as a member of the Board.

Adjourned – 11:28 motioned by Mindy Ruddock as her last official act as a MT Board Member, seconded by Paul Andrews, and voted by roll call vote:

Members in favor: Saskia Cote, Paul Andrews, Alexei Levine, Mindy Ruddock, Ellen Walker

Members opposed: None. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Walker
Board Secretary

List of Documents Used in the Open Session of the Meeting:

Agenda of the June 8, 2020 Meeting
Draft of the May 11, 2020 Minutes