

**Board of Registration of Massage Therapy**  
**March 26, 2020 Emergency Public Session Meeting Minutes**  
**Location: Virtual Meeting**

**Present:**

**Board members:**

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

**DPL Staff:**

Tonia Tassinari, Acting Executive Director  
Peter Kelley, Board Counsel  
Eboni Lewis, Associate Executive Director

**Board Members Not Present:**

Saskia Coté, Board Chair

**Item 1) 3:00 P.M.    Meeting called to order:**

- **Housekeeping and Evacuation Procedure:** N/A

**Item 2) Board Meeting Business:**

- All regular Board Business held until full board meeting. The purpose of this meeting is discuss classroom accessibility and online training.

**Online Training**

- Alexei Levine made the following motion: The Board hereby authorizes, for the duration of the Commonwealth's current state of emergency related to the COVID-19 healthcare crisis only, for those students then enrolled in Massachusetts licensed massage therapy schools, that the Board will accept distance/on-line interactive learning for all individual massage therapist licensure requirements, except for 150 supervised classroom hours of massage theory and technique and 100 required hours of unpaid and supervised clinical or externship experience.  
The motion was seconded by Mindy Ruddock. All in favor.
- Alexei Levine made the following motion: The Board hereby authorizes its staff to review requests for distance/on-line interactive learning from licensed massage therapy schools for compliance with the above-stated distance/on-line interactive learning determination.  
The motion was seconded by Ellen Walker. All in Favor
- Mindy Ruddock made the following motion: The Board further delegates to Mr. Alexei Levine to act in its stead between regularly-scheduled Board meetings in respect of interpreting and enforcing the above-stated distance/on-line interactive learning determination.  
The motion was seconded by Ellen Walker. All in favor.

**Item 3) New Business**

- Alexei Levine proposed - Revisit efforts to create State Board "clearing house" through FSMTB to help prevent human trafficking, licensing abuse, etc. Will submit draft prior to April meeting date.
- Inquiries in regards to notaries and issues around certifying documents will be handled on a case by case basis.

**Item 11) 3.47 p.m.    Adjournment:**

Mindy Ruddock made a motion to adjourn. Alexei Levine seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Walker  
Board Secretary